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**CHCC RECOGNITION CEREMONY**
Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is joined by Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña and other CHCC officials and staff during the CHCC Recognition Ceremony yesterday that was held as part of the Public Service Recognition Week to honor CHCC employees. The National Hospital Week proclamation signing ceremony was also held at the same occasion.
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

# Torres wants AG disqualified

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, through his lawyer, has cited an alleged conflict of interest in asking the Superior Court to disqualify the CNMI Office of the Attorney General in the criminal case it filed against Torres.

Torres

According to the motion filed by Viola Alepuyo and Matthew Holly on behalf

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## US military drops appeal of Hawaii order to drain fuel tanks

**HONOLULU** (AP)—The U.S. government on Friday dropped its appeals of a Hawaii order requiring it to remove fuel from a massive military fuel storage facility that leaked petroleum into the Navy's water system at Pearl Harbor last year.

Attorneys for the U.S. Department of Defense notified the state and federal courts of its decision. The move comes more than a month after Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said the military would permanently shut down the tanks and drain all of their fuel.

The Hawaii Department of Health, which issued the

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**COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY**

**LEGEND:**
- **Red:** Least safe
- **Orange**
- **Yellow**
- **Blue**
- **Green:** Safest

*Source: Office of the Governor*

## Babauta seeks Alepuyo's suspension

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Rep. Celina Babauta (D-Saipan) is urging the CNMI Bar Association to investigate Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' lawyer, Viola Alepuyo, and to take disciplinary actions against her, including suspending her license to practice law.

Babauta

Alepuyo

In a letter addressed to NMI Bar Association president Charity Hodson yesterday, Babauta said she is lodging an official complaint against Alepuyo for allegedly engaging in "highly questionable" behavior.

"I am writing to lodge an official complaint against…Ms. Viola Alepuyo in my capacity as chair of the House Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee for the 22nd Northern Mariana Islands House of Representatives," states part of Babauta's letter.

According to the letter, the JGO committee investigated Torres' expenditure of public funds in June 2021, during which Alepuyo represented the Office of the Governor and a few of its key employees. Following the JGO investigation, the CNMI House of Represen-

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## JCB prepares for return of Japanese tourists

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A representatives of credit-card company JCB International is currently on Saipan to prepare for the return of Japanese tourists, which is tentatively set in July.

Takahiko Watanabe, general manager of JCB International Micronesia, said that speeding up preparations for the return of Japanese tourists is a priority of the company.

JCB International is a credit card company that claims to have 140 million members worldwide, majority of whom comprise the Japanese market.

Watanabe, who is based in Guam and arrived there in 2020, said that they have already visited 2,800 merchants in Guam that carry the JCB credit card service, including updating their machines, among others.

BEA CABRERA
Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, left, and Takahiko Watanabe, general manager of JCB International Micronesia, hold up a JCB logo after a meeting yesterday where they talked about helping bring back the Japanese market to the CNMI.

"We decided to extend this 'test marketing' work to Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. … When I arrived last Sunday, I received information that the CNMI is preparing to open of direct flights from Japan and thought, we should hurry up some more," he said.

Among the places they've visited are merchants, establishments, and tourist spots.

"This is JCB's first visit

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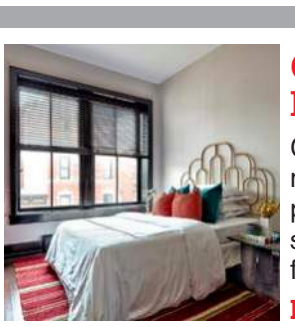

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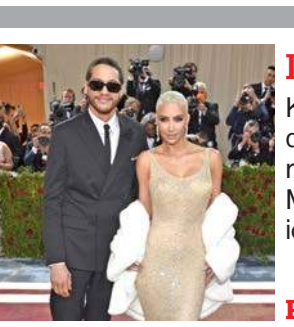

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# Local

# Nishikawa is named CNMI's honorary envoy to Japan

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CORRESPONDENT

Former Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nick Nishikawa is the new honorary Marianas tourism ambassador to Japan.

The Marianas Visitors Authority's board of directors announced Nishikawa's appointment during a regular board meeting yesterday at the MVA conference room, with Nishikawa joining the meeting online as he is currently in Japan.

Nishikawa, who has more than 30 years of experience in the hospitality industry, 13 years of which were spent at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, said that he will do whatever he can to promote the CNMI in Japan, in addition to helping with all MVA activities in Japan.

Nishikawa is currently in Japan as general manager of a hotel that is under construction and will be opening in May next year. Nishikawa says that he will be meeting with a lot of influential people and will be able to promote the CNMI in Japan through that.

Speaking at the board meeting, MVA board member Ivan Quichocho told Nishikawa, "I look forward to working with you. …All efforts are going to be pushed forward to try and promote direct service. …And once we select an airline partner, or partners, we need to get some work to really stimulate demand and ensure we can fill up the airplanes and restart the Japan market. So the plan should be forthcoming. … Japan is working very hard. We have JCB here today and they're going around meeting with vendors also. We're restarting the infrastructure for the Japan market."

Along with this, Quichocho said there will be seminars for industry partners to re-introduce the CNMI to Japan and he urged Nishikawa to join these seminars.

According to MVA managing director Priscilla Iakopo, Nishikawa has "demonstrated exemplary leadership and personal care for the well-being of Hyatt Regency Saipan, its employees, tourism partners, and the greater Marianas community in strong support of local labor development, endorsement of numerous most charitable donations, assistance to employees and the public following the devastation of Super Typhoon Soudelor and Super Typhoon Yutu, and ensuring the continued presence of a flagship hotel on Saipan through or renewal of Hyatt Regency Saipan's public land lease."

MVA board chair Viola Alepuyo also commended Nishikawa for his commitment, contribution, and dedication to the CNMI tourism industry.

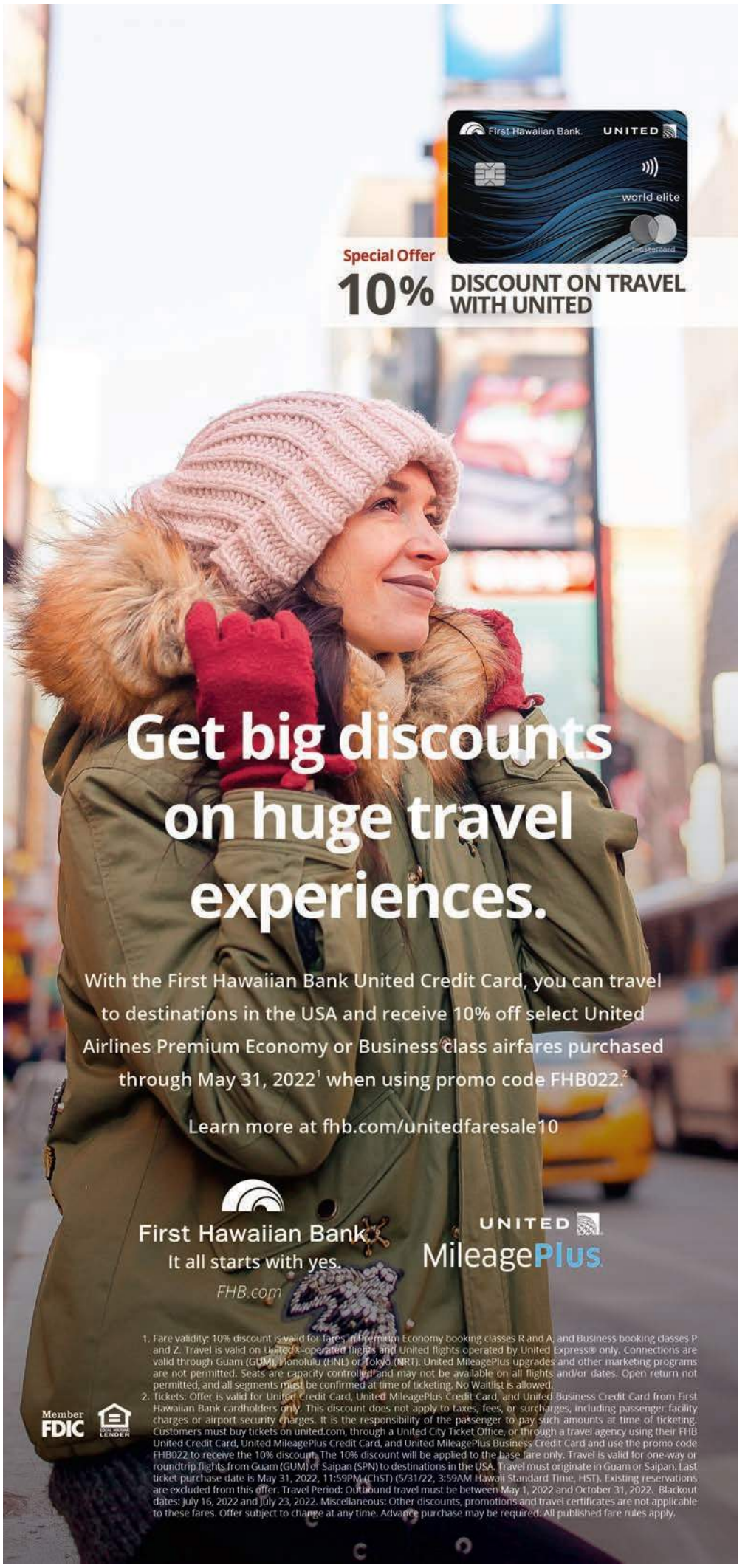
BEA CABRERA

File photo shows former Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nick Nishikawa.

Nishikawa was the general manager of Hyatt Regency Saipan from 2015 to 2022. He served as treasurer of the MVA board from 2017 to 2020 and chairman of the Japan ad hoc committee. He was elected chairman of the Hotel Association of the Northern Marianas Islands from 2010 to 2013, and continued to serve on the advisory board until March 2020.

Last month, MVA said it is shooting to launch its Tourism Resumption Investment Plan for Japan sometime in July, with airline carriers reportedly expressing interest in resuming the Japan-Saipan route.

Back in September 2021, as TRIP Japan ad hoc committee chair, Nishikawa started discussions with the MVA Japan office on how they will carry out the first steps in establishing the Japan travel bubble.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## May is Mental Health Awareness Month

May has been designated as Mental Health Awareness Month, with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres leading the proclamation with a signing ceremony last Monday.

Torres encourage policy makers, nonprofit organizations, schools, businesses, other entities, and the CNMI people to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities to promote mental health and wellness for all individuals and families in the Commonwealth.

According to the proclamation document, mental health involves people's emotional, psychological, and social well-being and it is therefore crucial for the community to acquire knowledge that mental health affects the way we think, feel, and act. "Mental health is our wealth, as we are able to forgive and be generous to ourselves in times of struggle. We are able to go 'back to basics,' where it's never too late to start again," it added.

There is, however, a strong stigma associated with mental health and getting help, often associated with weakness. This, the proclamation said, can be attributed to a misunderstanding regarding mental health, along with generational cultural differences.

"The need for comprehensive, coordinated, and effective mental health services for individuals and families at the community level in a language they can understand places a critical responsibility upon our community; and contributing to the needs of our community is fundamental to the future of the CNMI.

"Another year is presented for us to share knowledge and information about mental health services and what we can do if our mental health wellness becomes a concern.

"The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., along with key and valued stakeholders, partners, and community members, are committed to strengthening and sustaining the delivery of mental health care in our community and working collectively to strengthen the buy-in that mental health is important," it states. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

# Dr. Stearns settles case; lawsuit is dismissed

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CORRESPONDENT

The civil lawsuit against former Marianas Medical Center physician Anthony Stearns has been dismissed after Stearns and the U.S. Attorney's Office reached a settlement agreement in the case.

U.S. District Court for NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed yesterday the case against Stearns with prejudice, which means the case cannot be refiled.

Court documents state that Stearns and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Districts of Guam and the NMI, "through their counsel of record, have settled the entire lawsuit pursuant to the terms of a settlement agreement."

Stearns, through his counsel Sean Frink, earlier denied over 100 charges of allegedly failing to issue opioids prescriptions for a legitimate medical purpose and acting outside the usual course of his professional practice.

According to Frink, "Dr. Stearns accepted patients for care who were already addicted to prescription medicines and largely otherwise abandoned by other care providers."

"Dr. Stearns treated these patients in a manner consistent with a good faith clinical care process," and that there was "a legitimate doctor-patient relationship with each of these patients and believes that there was a legitimate medical purpose for the prescriptions that were issued, and all five patients are currently leading much more productive and safer lives as a result of his treatment of them," Frink added.

According to Saipan Tribune archives, the initial complaint stated that the U.S Drug Enforcement Administration reviewed some of Stearns' patient files from 2015 to 2020 and investigated his prescribing activities for controlled substances from October 2016 to January 2020, also known as the "dispensing violations period." During that period, Stearns allegedly violated the Controlled Substances Act under the United States Code because he allegedly knowingly issued about 357 prescriptions for controlled substances to patients A, B, and C that were either not issued in the usual course of professional treatment, nor for a legitimate medical purpose, or both.

Stearns was also allegedly in violation when he prescribed approximately 62 prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances for maintenance or detoxification purposes and providing maintenance or detoxification services without the appropriate training or DEA exemption for Patients D and E.

# Lizama named top employee at Lt. Governor's Office

John Paul "JP" Lizama of Koblerville was named the 2022 Lieutenant Governor's Office Employee of the Year yesterday for his dedication as a building maintenance specialist at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Building in Susupe.

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, who presented Lizama with an award, said the CNMI's continued success is rooted in the diligence of people like Lizama and his coworkers.

"Our government employees are the backbone of our community. The hard work and dedication of government employees like JP will guarantee the strength of our great Commonwealth for years to come," he said.

A graduate of Saipan Southern High School, Lizama began as a field worker in 2019 and was promoted to his current role at the Multi-Purpose building in April 2021 where he spent the past year maintaining the interior and exterior of the facility.

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, left, presents the 2022 Lieutenant Governor's Office Employee of the Year award to building maintenance specialist John Paul "JP" Lizama at the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Capital Hill yesterday. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Lizama said he was honored by the recognition and credited the support from family and coworkers for his award. "It means a lot. Without my coworkers and my family, this would not be possible. Bego Camacho, Dan Lisua, Memorino Elisar—we work as a team and never leave anyone out," Lizama said.

Lizama said he was surprised when he learned he was selected for the award and shared the following advice to public and private sector employees across the CNMI: "Stay positive, be humble, be honest, learn from your mistakes and be willing to take advice from people who have come before you," he said. ***(PR)***

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
CUC-RAESP-22-024
INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed Architectural & Engineering Services Proposal from qualified firms to update the 2016 CUC Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which identified a long-range plan for the most cost-effective mix of energy resources, both supply-side and demand-side management (DSM) and included a review of commercially available base load and renewable energy alternatives. The updated Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) will include optimizing this power supply portfolio to minimize costs while maximizing sustainability and resiliency while including the lasted in renewable, DSM, and operating technologies.

*This project is funded by a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for the project award from Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) and HUD.*

The RAESP package may be obtained via email between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $300.00 for one RFP package set. **To register for the RAESP, please contact Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Technician Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.**

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Proposal; and One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal** must be submitted in a separately sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RAESP-22-024, Integrated Resource Plan"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 24, 2022.** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

All responses to this RAESP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This RAESP does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 10, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC's Procurement Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Anne Crocket, CUC Power Division Chief Engineer via email address anne.crocket@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CUC-RFP-22-026
LEASE OF OFFICE/WAREHOUSE SPACE FOR CUC POWER DIVISION TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION SECTION, SAIPAN CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from firms for the lease of office & warehouse spaces for CUC Power Division, Transmission & Distribution Section in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $50.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

**One (1) original and four (5) hard copies** of your submission must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-22-026, Lease of Office/Warehouse Space for CUC Power Division Transmission and Distribution Section, Saipan, CNMI"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **May 20, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. The proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 5, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC, Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Lee Lieto, CUC, Power Division Manager via email address lee.lieto@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC, Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

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GARY CAMACHO
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## COVID UPDATE

# 0 hospitalizations; 18 new cases

As of May 2, 2022, there were zero individuals hospitalized as a result of COVID-19.

From April 25 – May 1, 2022, there were zero new hospitalizations

Eighteen additional individuals have been confirmed positive for COVID-19, bringing the CNMI total to 11,281 cases since March 28, 2020.

Of the 18 cases, seven were identified on April 25; two on April 26; one on April 27; five on April 28; and one each on April 29 and 30 and on May 1.

Of the 11,281 total cases identified in the CNMI, there have already been 11,238 recoveries, nine active cases, and 34 COVID-19-related deaths. A total of 10,375 were identified via community testing and 906 via travel testing.

The next Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. report will be on May 9, 2022.

As of May 2, 2022, a total of 23,104 COVID-19 additional/booster vaccine shots have been administered; of the eligible population, 61.9% have received an additional dose. The vaccination rate is calculated using the 2020 Census population estimates for the CNMI and includes the eligible 5-years-old and older population.

A total of 1,286 COVID-19 tests were conducted from April 25 to May 1, 2022:

- 475 on April 25, 2022
- 144 on April 26, 2022
- 30 on April 27, 2022
- 359 on April 28, 2022
- 232 on April 29, 2022
- 28 on April 30, 2022
- 18 on May 1, 2022

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should stay home and isolate when they are sick (except to get medical care), even if they do not have symptoms; rest; stay hydrated; can take over-the-counter medicines, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen, to relieve symptoms; and live COVID-19 safe.

Report your COVID-19 positive test result online at www.staysafecnmi.com/self-reporting within 5 days of your positive test result for a copy of your quarantine completion certificate.

Individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should stay home and live COVID-19 safe (except to get medical care or get tested for COVID-19). Other options include seeing their health care provider or calling the CHCC Tele-Triage hotline at (670) 233-2067. For a guidebook on how to live COVID-19 safe, visit www.staysafecnmi.com/livecovidsafe.

CHCC continues to encourage the community to get vaccinated if they have not done so, or get their booster shot if they are eligible to help prevent severe illness, hospitalization, or death. People considered high risk (e.g., history of diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, or cancer, or over the age of 65), immunocompromised persons, or unvaccinated individuals are at risk of serious illness from COVID-19. Unvaccinated individuals spread the virus at a higher rate than vaccinated individuals, thereby increasing the spread and risk of serious illness toward other unvaccinated individuals.

Stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccination, which includes additional doses for individuals who are immunocompromised or booster doses for those who are eligible. Register for COVID-19 vaccines at www.vaccinatecnmi.com, or call (670) 682-7468.

Individuals aged 18 or older are eligible to avail of a booster shot; 12- to 17-year-olds can avail of a Pfizer-BioNTech booster shot. Individuals aged 50 or older or certain individuals who are immunocompromised can avail of a second booster shot.

Data show that vaccine effectiveness against COVID-19 infection is waning after the primary series, but protection remains high against severe disease and hospitalization.

Free COVID-19 testing is available by registering at https://covidtesting.chcc.health. No code is required to register. Pre-registration is highly recommended. Reserve your slot to get tested before you line up and all slots are filled.

While you wait to get tested or for your test results, stay at home as much as possible and limit your contact with others. Live COVID-19 safe: wear your mask; wash your hands; watch your distance; avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces; cover coughs and sneezes; clean and disinfect high touch surfaces daily; be alert for symptoms daily; and get tested for COVID-19. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

## TORRES

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of the governor, the OAG as a whole was created by the CNMI Constitution to serve as the governor's chief legal officer, which means Torres is currently a client of the OAG, which constitutes a conflict of interest. Due to this conflict of interest, Torres' lawyers argue, the OAG should be disqualified from prosecuting this case.

"It cannot be disputed that at all times relevant to this prosecution and the underlying factual basis, Gov. Torres was and still is a client of the OAG and has materially adverse interests in connection with this criminal prosecution, then the OAG and the Commonwealth. This circumstance presents an incurable concurrent conflict of interest for the OAG and triggers… this court's inherent authority to disqualify the OAG if it does not withdraw. For the foregoing reasons, Gov. Torres respectfully asks that the court grant its motion to disqualify the Office of the Attorney General if it does not withdraw from prosecuting this case," the motion stated.

Alpeuyo explained that the CNMI Constitution created the OAG headed by the attorney general, and since the adoption of the constitution, the attorney general has been designated the chief legal officer to the governor.

"The chief legal officer of the Commonwealth government shall be responsible for providing legal advice to the governor and executive departments (including public corporations and autonomous agencies), representing the Commonwealth in all legal matters, and prosecuting violations of Commonwealth law. Under the Commonwealth Constitution, the OAG has a duty and obligation to provide legal advice to the governor and Executive [Branch] departments; to represent the Commonwealth in all legal matters; and to prosecute violations of Commonwealth law," Alepuyo said.

In addition, Alepuyo stated that the OAG also has the duty to represent the Commonwealth in all legal matters and prosecute violations of Commonwealth law. However, in this case, these two duties intersect, which should warrant disqualification.

"The constitution requires the OAG to concurrently represent both the governor and the Commonwealth. Here, not only has the OAG failed in its constitutional duty to defend the Executive Branch, the Travel Committee policy, and in particular Gov. Torres, but at the same time, it is criminally prosecuting Gov. Torres for an alleged violation in which the OAG provided legal advice. The attorney general should have faithfully represented the governor in this matter and if that was impossible, he should have stepped aside." she stated.

Alepuyo noted that the OAG should have referred this matter to the Office of the Public Auditor for purposes of investigating and, if necessary, prosecuting Torres, or appointing a special prosecutor to do the same.

"If the OAG withdraws or is disqualified, then this matter can either be referred to OPA," she stated.

The OAG filed criminal charges against Torres last month, alleging 12 counts of misconduct in public office and theft.

## US

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order, said the decision regarding the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility was a "step forward."

"While today's announcement is good news, the work continues," the department said in a statement. It said it would "continue to act expeditiously and proactively to oversee the safe defueling and decommissioning of Red Hill and restoration of the aquifer."

David Henkin, an attorney for Earthjustice which is representing the Sierra Club of Hawaii as an interested party in the case said his clients would remain vigilant to make sure the tanks are promptly defueled.

"It's a wonderful Earth Day gift to the people of Hawaii and in particular to all the residents of Oahu who depend on safe, clean drinking water when they turn on their tap," Henkin said.

The Navy and the Hawaii Department of Health did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment.

Henkin said even if Austin were to change his mind and try to keep the tanks open, the military will now face "an enforceable, unimpeachable, unchallengeable order from the Department of Health that they need to follow."

The order from the Hawaii Department of Health requires the military to remove fuel from the tanks 30 days after it's safe to do so. The military will have to stick to this deadline now that it's dropping the appeal, Henkin said.

The military, with oversight from the state health department and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is currently developing plans to safely remove the fuel. It's uncertain how long this will take.

## BABAUTA

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tatives impeached Torres on Jan. 12, 2022, and transmitted the matter to the Senate for trial. At the Senate, Alepuyo continued her legal representation of the governor in his personal capacity, even appearing on Torres' behalf during a forum on March 8, 2022.

On March 18, Sen. Karl King-Nabors (R-Tinian) who served as Senate presiding officer of the impeachment matters at the time, wrote Senate President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) disclosing that Alepuyo is his "close family friend." Babauta noted that this close relationship was not disclosed when King-Nabors served as chairman of the Senate committee that drafted the Senate Impeachment rules.

Babauta also alleges that Alepuyo may have worked with special counsel Joey McDoulett on the drafting of the Senate rules.

"In view of these relationships with Gov. Torres and Sen. Nabors, Alepuyo committed egregious violations of the Model Code of Professional Conduct on Feb. 13, 2022. First, as an attorney that has represented the Office of the Governor and its employees, she engaged in *ex parte* communications with the Senate and possibly its designated special counsel Joey McDoulett with respect to the drafting and promulgation of the Senate impeachment rules. This legal assistance, where she drafted the substantive and procedural rules for her client, was totally one-sided and *ex parte*," Babauta stated.

Babauta said that Alepuyo knew or should have known that *ex parte* contact with the Senate presiding officer, regardless of when the Senate rules were actually adopted, was ethically prohibited.

Babauta also alleged that Alepuyo violated Model Rule 1.7(a)(2) by providing legal assistance to King-Nabors.

"It is not unreasonable to consider that an attorney-client relationship existed between the presiding officer and Alepuyo. She then failed to disclose the existence of this attorney-client relationship with the presiding officer to anyone, including Gov. Torres. Sen. [King-Nabors] has publicly claimed that there were no official rules governing *ex-parte* contacts until the official rules…were adopted. However, at best, this preexisting attorney-client relationship should have materially limited her ability to represent Gov. Torres at the time she entered her formal appearance on behalf of Gov. Torres on March 8, 2022," she stated.

## JCB

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since the pandemic and my first time [on] Saipan. While the plane was landing, I was mesmerized by the clear blue waters that surround the island. …The warmth of the people, good local food, and seeing the beautiful scenery around made me understand why many tourists like to come here," he said.

Watanabe said the JCB brand will be a big draw to get the Japanese market back and encourage other JCB cardholders in Asia to visit the CNMI. "We are a trusted and reliable service. For the Japanese, if they see the JCB logo, they know that the establishment is good, that they will be accommodated and given good service," he said.

"Aside from Japan, we have members from South Korea, China, and Taiwan. We can tie promotions that carry discounts when they visit the CNMI and this will help advertise the islands' beauty as well. In Hawaii, we have a promotion wherein JCB cardholders can just show to the tourist bus driver their JCB credit card and this will allow them to go around Honolulu for free so they can go shopping and sightsee. It is possible to have the same here," he added.

Watanabe, together with TASI Tours president Hiroari Kamimori, called on Gov. Ralph DLG Torres yesterday for a courtesy visit.

Torres said he cannot overemphasize the importance of bringing back the Japanese tourists to the CNMI.

"…Now that we are headed toward the endemic phase [of the COVID-19 pandemic], we have always focused on getting our Japanese tourists back. This meeting with TASI Tours/JTB and JCB proves that we both look forward to a successful partnership and keep working on strengthening it. The Japanese market will always be a strong partner of our history and tourism," Torres said.

Despite the pandemic, he said the CNMI has been busy preparing for the arrival of more tourists. "Over 77 companies, non-government organizations, etc. have signed up under the Private-Public Partnership to adopt tourist sites and maintain them. That is a great success in itself. … We have released a request for proposal to entice airlines to provide flight service between Japan and the CNMI. …We have worked successfully in getting Skymark before the pandemic. I know they have many challenges but we hope that Skymark [Airlines] will come back," Torres added.

Watanabe said he understands that the need for the Japanese market is high and that this is a good opportunity for Saipan to entice them back. "Right now, there is no time difference between Japan and the CNMI, unlike the eight-hour difference in Hawaii. The flight is also short, only three hours…and because of the pandemic, lifestyles have changed. Many Japanese can now work remotely—from their hotel here and go straight to the beach after," he said.

Watanabe said that he will come back next month to continue the work that he started on this trip.

# Shop for mom at upcoming NMC Business Night

The CNMI Small Business Development Center at the Northern Marianas College will be hosting another small business night featuring new and upcoming local entrepreneurs and their products and services. The community is invited to attend.

The event, held in collaboration with NMC's Office Student Activities and Leadership, will take place on Thursday, May 5, 2022, from 4pm to 7pm at the NMC Mango Terrace (located in the center of NMC's campus). For each purchase made, patrons will receive one free ticket for a chance to win amazing raffle prizes donated by the vendors.

In preparation for Mother's Day on May 8, vendors will showcase ready-to-purchase gifts especially for moms. The small business night will feature a range of products and services that will include cookie grams, handmade greeting cards, home decor, handwoven accessories, health and beauty gift baskets, upcycled jewelry pieces, handmade pinatas, artisan gelato, food, and more.

Northern Marianas College will be hosting another NMC Business Night to feature local entrepreneurs and their products. The business night will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2022 from 4:00pm –7:00pm at NMC's Mango Terrace, which is located in the center of the campus. The community is invited to attend.
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The event will feature products from the following small businesses: LP Beauty, Cia's Creations, Neni Girl Nails, Chiku Chiku, Vivid Beauty, Lady's Corner, Cherrymoon.co., Seasoned with Hafa Adai, Palm Trio 670, with food and snack items by Saipan Snaps, LLC., The Crafty Baeker, Tyler's Gelatte Stone, Mind-2Muscle, and Pho King A.

Interested small businesses may contact mercilynn.palec@marianas.edu for vendor information or call (670) 237-6888. ***(NMC)***

## VFW to host Cinco de Mayo Chili Cookoff

The Chili Cook-Off is back!

The Saipan Post of the Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 3457 will be hosting its annual Chili Cook-Off this Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 4pm, at the VFW home in downtown Garapan. The event is free and open to the CNMI public.

The Chili Cookoff has no cover charge; the chili and other edibles are free and attendees may enjoy the coolest drinks on Saipan. (#drinkresponsibly #dontdrinkanddrive).

There are 15 slots open for participants to showcase and put their culinary talents to the test. The slots are closing fast and participants should reserve their slots by contacting Mariano Fajardo at (670) 285-0613.

The judging will be conducted by three volunteer stewards and cooks from the Military Sealift Command ships at anchor. Judging will occur at 7pm sharp. Amazing prizes will be awarded to the tastiest chilis on Saipan.

The Chili Cook-Off is an annual event that VFW hosts for the purpose of helping to support veterans, their families, and the community. Activities on the CNMI that the VFW supports include:

Annual scholarship essay contest; Patriots Pen for middle schoolers and Voice of Democracy for high schoolers.

Donations to non-profit organization for community work such as the Matua Riders, NMI Crime Stoppers and the CHC Volunteers

Sponsorship of the newly formed US Naval Sea Cadet Corps on Saipan, the 'Natibu Division' https://www.seacadets.org/join

Come visit the VFW on their webpage at https://www.vfw3457.org and their Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/VFWSaipanPost3457. ***(PR)***

## CUC ADVISORIES

### Power and water service interruptions on May 4 and 5, 2022

There will be scheduled power and water service interruptions on May 4 and 5, 2022, as the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. continues its ongoing system maintenance. S

Wednesday, May 4, 2022: Water service interruption only

- Time: 8:30am to 12:30pm
- Area(s) affected: Koblerville.

Purpose: To replace three existing wooden power poles with concrete poles and to install an overhead primary line for the Koblerville water well.

- Circuit: Kiya 2
- Water well(s) affected: KV-21 to KV-25
- Wastewater facility affected: none

Thursday, May 5, 2022

- =Power service interruption time: 9am to 10:30am
- Area(s) affected: Portions of Chalan Monsignor Guerrero.
- Purpose: To add cable support on the Kiya-1 cable risers near the Chalan Kiya Substation along Chalan Monsignor Guerrero.
- Circuit: Kiya 1
- Water well(s) affected: none
- Wastewater facility affected: none

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Hotline (236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://wwvv.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(PR)***

### Scheduled power service interruption on May 7

There will be a scheduled power service interruption on May 7, 2022 as the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. continues its ongoing systems maintenance.

- Time: 12pm to 4pm
- Area(s) affected: Koblerville water wells and the COVID-19 Testing Facility in Koblerville.
- Purpose: To replace wooden power poles with concrete power poles for the Koblerville water wells.
- Circuit: Kiya 2
- Water wells) affected: KV-21 to KV-25
- Wastewater facility affected: none

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Hotline (236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(PR)***

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**COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**
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# PUBLIC NOTICE

**Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Seventeenth CNMI State Board of Education (BOE) hereby gives notice that there will be a BOE Executive Work Session on the Commissioner of Education Evaluation on Friday, May 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Education Conference Room, Building 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan.**

**AGENDA**[1]

I. Executive Work Session[2]
   a. Code of Ethics
   b. Evaluation of the Commissioner of Education

II. Adjournment

[1] In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.
[2] Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE DISSOLUTION

Please take notice that LC Saipan Corporation intends to file articles of dissolution with the CNMI Registrar of Corporations anytime after this notice is made.

Anyone with a claim against the corporation is requested to submit it in accordance with the following:

1. The claim shall be made in writing and shall state the name of the claimant, the amount of the claim, the factual basis for the claim, and the name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number of the person who may be contacted by the corporation with respect to the claim.
2. The claim may be sent to: PMB 538, Box 10003, Saipan MP 96950 or call 670-783-8812
3. A claim against the corporation will be barred unless a processing to enforce the claim is commenced within five years after the publication of the notice.

LC Saipan Corporation
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**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY**
**COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**
**RFP22-CHCC/HIT-013**

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## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: May 4, 2022 Closing Date: May 18, 2022

POSITIONS: Auditor II and Auditor III

EXAMINATION NO.: OPA-22-002

For more information, please visit our website at www.opacnmi.com or come visit us at our office in Capitol Hill. Interested persons may also pick up a copy of the Examination Announcement at the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) in Garapan. Applicants are required to complete the OPA Employment Application form.

## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Operations Manager (Saipan, MP)**

Develop business strategy to achieve organizational sales goals and revenues; Monitor and plan direct activities of importing main materials overseas; Communicate effectively with customers to identify their needs and evaluate solutions in order to satisfy the customers' needs; Review annual, quarterly and monthly sales revenue and make sales and financial reports in order to set up a long-term goal and objectives; Analyze and review financial performance of the corporation and identify improvement; Send Resume & Transcript to P&A CORPORATION. ATTN: Do Yi KIM, P.O.BOX 506003, Saipan, MP 96950.

# MCS names school honorees for third quarter

Mount Carmel School congratulates these students for making it to the 3rd Quarter President's List & Honor Roll.

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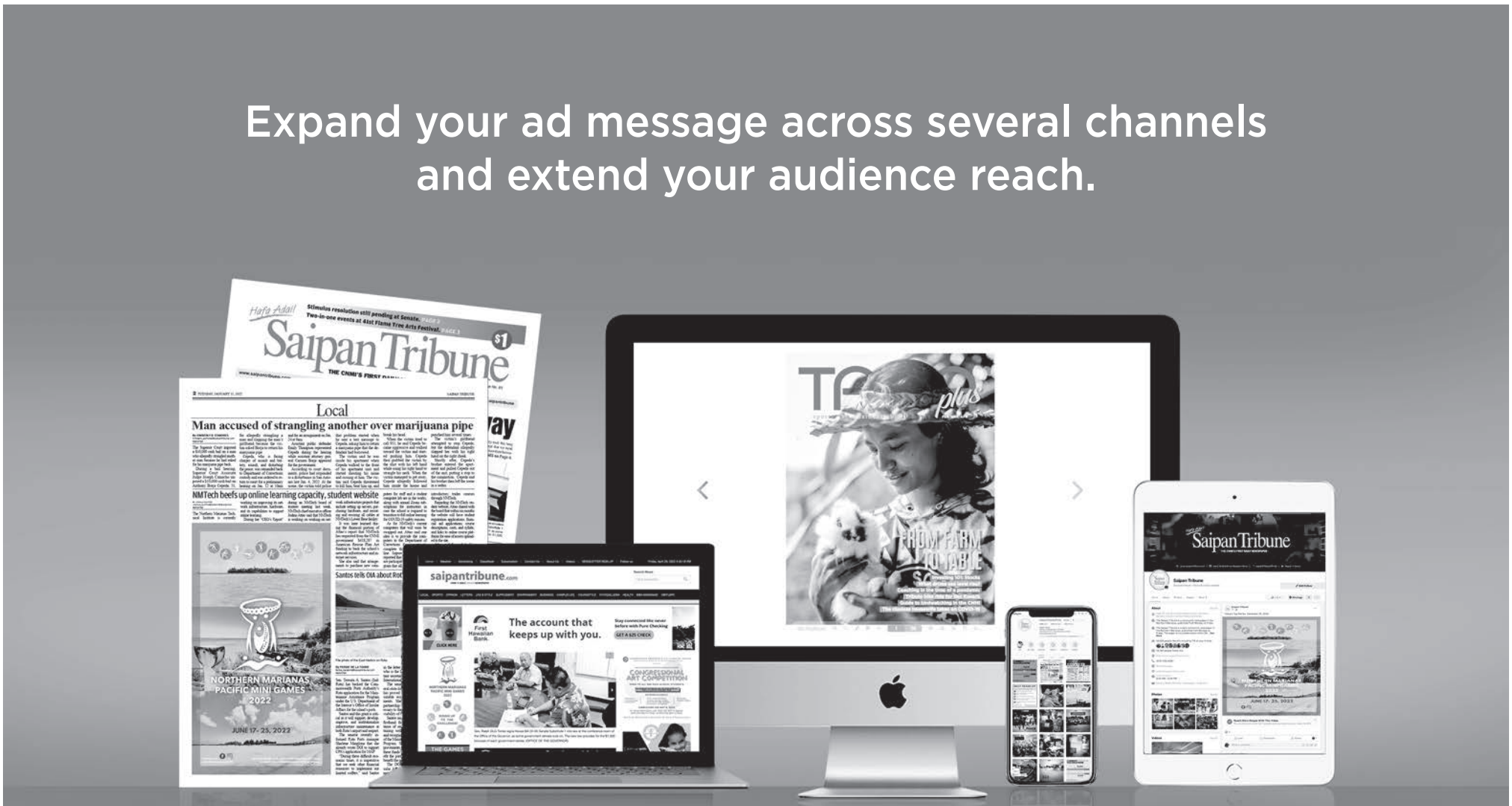

# NMC Small Business Night

'Candle J Saipan' pose for a photo at the first Small Business Night at the Northern Marianas College Mango Terrace last April 21, 2022. LEIGH GASES

Bonitu Basula owners pose for a photo during the Small Business Night last April 21, 2022, at the NMC Mango Terrace. LEIGH GASES

A customer checks out the Vivid Beauty small business stall during the Small Business Night last April 21 at the NMC Mango Terrace. LEIGH GASES

The Palm Trio poses for a photo at the first Small Business Night last April 21, 2022, at the NMC Mango Terrace. LEIGH GASES

The young owner of Chiku Chiku Bow poses with her products during the first Small Business Night at the NMC Mango Terrace last April 21, 2022. LEIGH GASES

Ben Babauta, left, holds his son for a photo with Tyler Gelatte Stone staff in front if their stall during the Small Business Night at the NMC Mango Terrace last April 21, 2022. LEIGH GASES

Alexis Manglona, left, and the owner of Neni Girl Nails pose for a photo during the Small Business Night at NMC's Mango Terrace last April 21, 2022. LEIGH GASES

The Paopao small business stall the Small Business Night at the NMC Mango Terrace last April 21, 2022. LEIGH GASES

The Saipan Snaps stall at the Small Business Night last April 21, 2022, at the NMC Mango Terrace. LEIGH GASES

A customer buts items from the Maipe Pachotmu booth during the first Small Business Night at NMC Mango Terrace last April 21, 2022. LEIGH GASES

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## EDITORIAL

# Restaurants need the help of their customers, not more cash from Uncle Sam

After appropriating trillions of dollars in COVID-19 relief, Congress is angling to pass yet another multibillion-dollar aid package, this one directed at restaurants and other small businesses that suffered during the pandemic.

While we sympathize with all business operators who struggled to cope with COVID-19, another relief act for restaurants, bars and similar public venues is too much. The time for new federal cash outlays is over, and Congress (which has approved competing versions of the aid package in the House and Senate) needs to put a stop to this piling on.

For starters, the vast amounts doled out have kick-started inflation, creating a severe and strikingly persistent threat to the economic recovery. Taming the upward spiral of prices is requiring aggressive intervention from the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates and sell its bond holdings, with all the inherent risks of recession. Shelling out new federal aid would only undermine that effort and make inflation harder to address.

Further, states and cities awash in federal money are free to approve more targeted aid, as Illinois did recently at the behest of the powerful local restaurant lobby. The Treasury Department is expected to distribute tens of billions in Fiscal Recovery Funds that were approved but haven't yet been allotted, and the states receiving the money will have years to spend it. Many more billions from other programs also remain to be distributed.

Enough, already.

The Restaurant Revitalization Fund, part of the American Rescue Plan, succeeded in pumping money into a popular constituency but not the way Congress intended. Though businesses owned by women, veterans, minorities and those with lower incomes were supposed to get priority, mostly it was a chaotic free-for-all. Also, the amounts handed out were determined mainly by how much a company's revenue had gone down year-over-year, which, contrary to the pro-worker intent of the measure, favored restaurants that stayed shuttered for the longest time. No wonder a slew of lawsuits have been filed.

Advocates say it's only fair to add more money for restaurants that missed out on the first giveaway.

What about being fair to taxpayers who are stuck footing the bill for the myriad flaws in this relief effort, and others?

The Paycheck Protection Program, for instance, also misdirected aid on an even bigger scale. Millions of restaurants and other businesses took advantage of that program, collecting loans that supposedly would be forgiven if they used the money to retain workers. In short order, Congress weakened the requirements, so even companies that slashed

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# Miscarriage might be common—but the pain is unique to each of us

**By MAHIN IBRAHIM**
Los Angeles Times

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Over lunch on a Wednesday while working remotely, my husband and I debate the type of school our child, Ayesha, should attend. Later, we decide who will help with their homework and teach them science.

But the thing is—there is no Ayesha.

Ayesha has been dead, from a miscarriage, for over a year.

We all cope in different ways, and I have turned to a fictional universe where our child is still alive.

One fall day, I went to the doctor for my ninth-week checkup. Then in my late 30s, I had gotten pregnant from our first intrauterine insemination. According to the book "What to Expect When You're Expecting," at nine weeks, our baby was as big as a green olive.

It was pre-COVID vaccine, when I had to go to the doctor alone, without my husband.

The doctor turned to me and said, "I have bad news."

She moved the ultrasound monitor closer. I never liked looking at it but glanced for one second before turning my attention to the emergency sprinkler overhead.

"Your baby stopped developing."

The tears came down, turning my fabric mask into a dirty rag.

"Is it something I did?"

"No," she assured me.

My miscarriage started that Saturday, and I began to bleed my baby out naturally.

Sitting on the toilet, I took pictures of the blood clots of my baby so I wouldn't forget. On my phone, next to pictures of what I ate for dinner, are photos of viscous red nestled on a super-size maxi pad. I was mesmerized by the gelatinous tulip bulbs coming out of my body. It was a placenta gone wrong, the darkest and brightest red I had ever seen. I felt attached to my child, as if the shot of dopamine they say attaches you to your baby in childbirth was happening to me now.

I didn't cry. All my energy went toward getting through the cramps and not staining our white bedsheets. The tears would come, and still come later, triggered by strangers asking if I have children.

Just three weeks before, I'd taken the sonogram image to the Bay Area to show my proud parents. This would be their first grandchild. During that trip, I kept telling Mamuni (mother in Bangla), "I guess I'm one of the lucky women who don't have morning sickness," feeling smug.

After my miscarriage and two more unsuccessful IUIs, we took a mental break until we were ready to start in vitro fertilization. After two cycles of IVF, we received the news that our frozen embryo transfer didn't work. It turns out I have low egg count. As this becomes our reality, now in our fourth year on this journey, we discuss our options and grapple with the possibility we may never have a baby at all.

My husband and I spend all our days in the same rooms together, and in our free time I like to talk about our child as if we have one. One Saturday morning, I ask him, "What if our child called us from summer camp, homesick and crying, and wanted to come home? Would you pick them up?"

I seriously think about this predicament as if our imaginary child just placed an imaginary phone call; he humors me and plays along. In these moments, I get into my car and drive toward a fictional town where I have to make decisions about a kid that's not even alive. I enter into a part of my brain and start to drive. Perhaps it's healing. A way to escape into my imagination and alter my reality.

Post-vaccine, my husband is allowed to come to my appointments. He swears he'll never let me go alone again, even for a blood draw.

"Every time you go alone, it's bad news."

It's become his own superstition.

I've learned, you don't get over a miscarriage.

Even if society tells you it's normal; it's a part of life. It happens to everyone.

You live on, not move on.

And so, every morning, I imagine getting into my car in the San Fernando Valley and taking a right turn onto the highway northbound. I merge onto the I-5. I think about where my kid will go to school, if they will go to school. What kind of person will they be. Who might they marry. I picture that familiar road and keep driving and driving and driving. It's a straight shot to the Bay Area, to my parents. Past the Sierra Pelona Mountains and the cow pastures. Past the garlic fields and dollar baby avocado fruit stands. I have done this drive a thousand times.

And tomorrow, as I sit in my loss, I will do it again.

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# Where Russia goes, brutality follows

**By RICH LOWRY**
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Russia has found just the man to lead its ongoing assault on Ukraine, Gen. Aleksandr Dvornikov.

The top-level general takes over a war that had no single overall commander and as the Russian military has suffered embarrassing setbacks, retreating from its planned siege of Kyiv.

Dvornikov has led the Russian forces in the south and east of Ukraine, which Moscow will now make its main objective, and perfectly encapsulates the remorseless and long-running brutality of the Russian military.

He became known as the Butcher of Syria for his role leading the Russian campaign in Syria, most notoriously the reduction of Aleppo.

A United Nations human rights official called that city, after the Russians were done with it, "a slaughterhouse." He depicted "a gruesome locus of pain and fear, where the lifeless bodies of small children are trapped under streets of rubble and pregnant women deliberately bombed."

That ghastly description, of course, sounds all too familiar. Naturally enough, the Russian government honored Dvornikov for his bloody handiwork in Syria as a "hero of the Russian federation."

Bucha is another tragic place name in a long catalogue of Russians atrocities—perpetrated against foreigners and its own people, perpetrated when the Soviets struggled for control during their rule, and afterward, perpetrated with relatively primitive military technology and with the most up-to-date modern firepower.

Where the Russian military goes, war crimes are sure to follow. It is a reflection of a twisted Russian political culture that has never developed an appreciation for individual worth, democratic accountability, or humanitarian norms. Vladimir Putin is not to be confused with Lenin or Stalin—he paints his horrors on a much smaller canvas. But his cold-eyed brutality is characteristically Russian.

For the last 100 years, Russia has been a brutalized and brutalizing country. It suffered nearly 3.5 million deaths in World War I, another 8 million dead in the Russian Civil War, and then 27 million more in World War II.

The founder of the Soviet state, Lenin, was a theorist and practitioner of "mass terror." After the Revolution, the civil war between the Bolsheviks and their opponents was a series of atrocities. Then came the cataract of unspeakable violence in the death struggle with the Nazis.

The Red Army's decisive march to Berlin at the end of the war was one long, pitiless war crime. The Russians raped 2 million German women. According to historian Antony Beevor, author of "The Fall of Berlin 1945," one doctor believed that of 100,000 women raped in the city, 10,000 died as a consequence, many by suicide.

The English-speaking world features its share of shameful and brutal acts, but nothing on the mind-numbing scale of such depravities. And the crimes in the U.S. and elsewhere are looked back on with shame, whether slavery or the expropriation of indigenous people. In contrast, in the 21st century, when more civilized practices are supposed to have prevailed, Putin is adding more disgraceful blots to Russia's woeful record.

What kind of force considers a hospital a legitimate military target? Terrorist groups—and the Russian military.

In Syria a few years ago, Russia bombed four hospitals in 12 hours, a savage performance forecasting the treatment they'd mete out to Ukraine. According to The New York Times, Syrian health care workers believed that a United Nations "humanitarian deconfliction" list containing the locations of hospitals was used as a target list by Russian forces.

Of course, Russia leveled the city of Grozny in the late 1990s, killing thousands of civilians. Its soldiers raped and tortured.

What the Russian lacks in planning and proficiency, it makes up in barbarity and utter disregard for humanity. War is hell, but almost all advanced nations try to keep it within some bounds of decency. Russia is an outlier. For it, the cruelty is the point—and the reflexive practice.

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their workforces will never pay back a penny.

Because the program was open to practically any small or mid-sized business, all sorts of companies collected funds, including those that didn't remotely need it. Loose controls enabled grifters to make off with billions. A study by the University of Texas at Austin found that as much as 15%, a stunningly high percentage, was looted. As Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz recently told NBC, "What didn't happen was even minimal checks to make sure that the money was getting to the right people at the right time."

These aid programs were a windfall for some and a disappointment to those who didn't figure out how to work the system or applied after others had beaten them to it. Advocates for a new restaurant spending bill say that, in theory, part of it could be paid for with money recovered from chasing down fraudsters. That old political promise about paying for new spending by cracking down on the proverbial fraud, waste and abuse rarely comes true. We have no confidence a second restaurant-relief effort would be managed any better than the first.

Another consideration is that some restaurants, bars and similar venues have made a rapid comeback and their biggest problem is not so much a lack of customers as a lack of staff who want to work. Especially in places that had fewer closure requirements, it's business as usual, more or less. In Chicago, where pandemic safeguards were onerous, many restaurants are still hurting. Inflation is making recovery even more difficult, raising the cost of food and labor to such an extent that menu prices can't keep up.

If it were possible to effectively target government aid only to those businesses that need a little short-term help to get back on their feet, we'd be less adamant. But the restaurant business is notoriously risky. Even in favorable circumstances, some make a ton of money, while many fail. Trying to pick winners and losers from inside the Beltway doesn't work, as the feds already have demonstrated.

In Chicago, some of the hardest-hit venues are in places such as the Loop, where working from home has cut into the usual customer base. That difficult business challenge won't be cured with an extra one-time sprinkle of free government money. Businesses will have to figure out how to adapt.

The right thing to do is to turn off the federal spigot and go about supporting restaurants in the best way possible, if you can afford it: Be a loyal customer and leave a generous tip.

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# Judge's mask decision was wrong, but not unconstitutional

**By ZACHARY CLOPTON**
Chicago Tribune

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Recently, a federal judge in Florida struck down the CDC's mask requirement for mass transit. There were countless legal and factual errors in the judge's decision, but critics seem to be focusing on the nature of the ruling, arguing that it is unconstitutional for a single judge to stop a federal policy nationwide.

The so-called nationwide or "universal" injunction has been a thorn in the side of at least the last few administrations. For President Barack Obama, federal judges in Texas blocked various policies regarding the environment, health care and more. For Donald Trump, immigration policies such as the travel ban and many other measures were held up by individual judges, often in blue states. Now, it is COVID-19 mitigation measures being struck down by judges in red states.

For most of us, something just feels wrong with many of these nationwide injunctions. It doesn't seem fair that a single judge could block a policy that applies to citizens across the country. It also seems undemocratic to allow a judge who wasn't elected by the people to override the will of elected officials in Congress and the White House. It's especially galling when litigants seeking to block federal policies can shop for ideologically friendly judges who might be out of the legal mainstream.

But not everything that is bad is unconstitutional; sometimes reform is better than abolition.

If the Supreme Court were to listen to critics and declare nationwide injunctions unconstitutional, the result would be that nationwide injunctions would never be available—not even to deal with truly lawless actions by the federal government. Even in less extreme situations, a Supreme Court decision that these injunctions are unconstitutional would stop Congress from ever authorizing such remedies, even in limited circumstances.

This is not merely hypothetical. For 75 years, American administrative law has been governed by a super-statute called the Administrative Procedure Act. The APA governs how federal agencies, like the CDC, issue rules and regulations. Typically, Congress will pass a law authorizing a federal agency to issue regulations—such as the CDC's mask mandate—and then that agency will develop rules in its area of expertise. This is how virtually every important federal regulation has been adopted—rules on clean air and water, highway safety, banking, pharmaceuticals and more.

Importantly, Congress' delegations are not blank checks. Under the APA, federal judges have the authority to "set aside" an agency's regulations if they exceed Congress' mandate or are otherwise "arbitrary and capricious." In other words, Congress delegates power to agencies knowing that there is a judicial check on excessive or arbitrary uses of that power.

If the Supreme Court were to say that it's unconstitutional for a judge to block federal actions nationwide, then the system of judicial review just described would be upended. Without the power to set aside rules nationwide, real judicial review is not possible. We can't expect every person subject to a regulation to sue, and the rules of class actions probably wouldn't allow a nationwide case either.

The irony is that critics of nationwide injunctions complain that judges are substituting their judgment for that of Congress and the executive branch. But a decision to make this kind of review unconstitutional would also substitute judges' views for Congress and the White House because it was Congress and the executive branch that set up the judicial review process in the first place.

Moreover, if the Supreme Court took away Congress' ability to delegate to agencies with judicial review, then Congress might be less likely to delegate authority to agencies at all, because it would not have the protection of judicial review on the back end. And if Congress is stingier with the powers it gives to agencies such as the CDC, then in the next crisis, agencies may lack the authority to respond quickly and effectively.

This is not to say that nationwide injunctions should happen in every case. The opposite is true: They should be exceedingly rare. But the goal should be to reform, not abolish, nationwide relief. To avoid the "single judge" problem, some scholars have proposed laws to require that challenges like the mask case go to special three-judge courts or straight to a circuit court.

To avoid the "shopping for judges" problem, Congress could require that these cases are randomly assigned. These changes are what should be on Congress' agenda. But if five justices of the Supreme Court say that this type of review is unconstitutional, then those options would be moot.

Criticize the mask mandate case all you want—the decision deserves your criticism. But be careful calling it unconstitutional, because finding it unconstitutional will do away with a lot more than this one decision.

# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

| TODAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Partly sunny, with Scattered showers. East wind 16 to 21 mph, with gusts as high as 26 mph. | Mostly sunny, with Isolated showers. East wind 14 to 17 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph. | Partly cloudy, with Isolated showers. | Mostly cloudy, with A chance of showers. | Partly sunny, with A chance of showers. |
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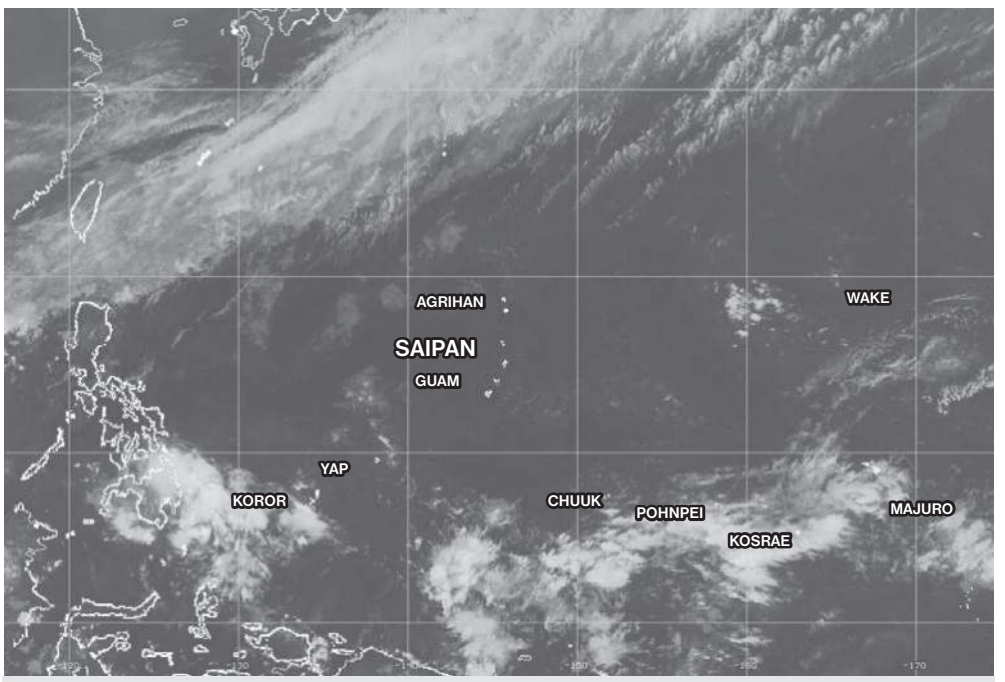
## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE




**PICTURE TIME: 6:47 AM, TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022**

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Moderate to fresh trades prevail in the Marianas. Ritidian buoy indicates seas between 5 and 6 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

## STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

**Continue good hand hygiene**

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

**Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic**

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

**Rumor control**

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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| Palau | Scattered Thunderstorms | 29 / 26 °F |
| Yap | Partly Cloudy | 30 / 27 °F |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | 29 / 26 °F |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorms | 29/ 26 °F |
| Kosrae | Thunderstorms | 29 / 26 °F |
| Majuro | Thunderstorms | 29 / 26 °F |

| DAY | SUNRISE | SUNSET |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 05:52 AM | 18:35 PM |
| Thursday | 05:52 AM | 18:35 PM |
| Friday | 05:51 AM | 18:35 PM |
| Saturday | 05:51 AM | 18:36 PM |
| Sunday | 05:50 AM | 18:36 PM |

| DAY | MOONRISE | MOONSET | MOONRISE |
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| Today | 08:06 | 21:32 PM | - |
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| Friday | 09:44 | 22:24 PM | - |
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| AROUND THE GLOBE | ▲ ▼ °F | |
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| Auckland | PM Showers | 20 /15 °F |
| Beijing | Partly Cloudy | 35 / 20 °F |
| Hong Kong | Partly Cloudy | 26 / 22 °F |
| Honolulu | Partly Cloudy | 27 / 22 °F |
| London | Showers | 18 / 8 °F |
| Los Angeles | Sunny | 26 / 15 °F |
| Manila | Mostly Sunny | 36 / 26 °F |
| Melbourne | Light Rain | 14 / 6 °F |
| Miami | PM Showers | 28 / 23 °F |
| New York | AM Showers | 19 / 13 °F |
| Osaka | Mostly Sunny | 23 / 13 °F |
| Paris | Partly Cloudy | 20 / 9 °F |
| Busan | Sunny | 20 / 12 °F |
| Rome | Partly Cloudy | 23 / 11 °F |
| Salem | Partly Cloudy | 30 / 18 °F |
| San Francisco | Mostly Sunny | 17 / 10 °F |
| Seoul | Sunny | 25 / 9 °F |
| Tokyo | Sunny | 23 / 13 °F |
| Washington, DC | Thunderstorms | 27 / 14 °F |

| TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY | | FEET |
|---|---|---|
| 04:03 AM | Low Tide | 1.27 |
| 08:34 AM | High Tide | 1.76 |
| 4:01 PM | Low Tide | -0.04 |
| 11:20 PM | High Tide | 1.81 |

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 1, 2022

### DEPARTURES

**SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)**

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|---|---|---|---|
| UA117 | 6:35AM | 7:15AM | 1, 3, 6 |
| UA117 | 9:50AM | 10:35AM | 2, 4, 5, 7 |

**GUAM-MANILA (MNL)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| PR 111 | 6:00AM | 8:00AM | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA193 | 7:05PM | 10:55PM | 5 via Palau |
| UA183 | 7:10PM | 9:10PM | Daily |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

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| UA117/183 | 6:35AM | 9:10PM | 1, 3, 6 via Guam |
| UA117/193 | 6:35AM | 10:55PM | 5 via Guam, Palau |
| UA117/183 | 9:50AM | 9:10PM | 2, 4, 5, 7 via Guam |

**SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)**

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| TW9308 | 3:30PM | 7:20PM | 4, 7 |
| 7C3405 | 3:30PM | 7:25PM | 6 |
| RS112 | 3:45PM | 7:30PM | 3, 6 |
| 7C3405 | 3:50PM | 7:45PM | 3 |
| OZ624 | 4:00PM | 7:40PM | 3, 6 |

**SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)**

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| BX622 | 3:10PM | 6:30PM | 3, 7 |

### ARRIVALS

**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| UA116 | 5:00AM | 5:45AM | 1, 3, 6 |
| UA116 | 8:00AM | 8:45AM | 5, 7 |
| UA174 | 8:00AM | 8:45AM | 2, 4 |

**MANILA (MNL)-GUAM**

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|---|---|---|---|
| PR110 | 10:35PM | 4:35AM+1 | 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA184 | 10:25PM | 4:20AM+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA192 | 10:25PM | 6:05AM+1 | 5 via Palau |
| UA184 | 11:50PM | 5:40AM+1 | 5 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

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| UA184/116 | 10:25PM | 5:45AM+1 | 2, 5, 7 via Guam |
| UA184/116 | 10:25PM | 8:45AM+1 | 1, 3 via Guam |
| UA184/174 | 10:25PM | 8:45AM+1 | 4, 6 via Guam |

**INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN**

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| 7C3406 | 8:30AM | 2:10PM | 6 |
| RS111 | 8:45AM | 2:05PM | 3, 6 |
| 7C3406 | 8:50AM | 2:30PM | 3 |
| TW9307 | 9:00AM | 2:30PM | 4, 7 |
| OZ623 | 9:00AM | 2:30PM | 3, 6 |

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN**

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| BX621 | 8:00AM | 1:10PM | 3, 7 |

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| 1301 | 8:30AM | 9:00AM | Daily |
| 1302 | 11:00AM | 11:30AM | Daily |
| 1303 | 1:30PM | 2:00PM | Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri |
| 1304 | 3:30PM | 4:00PM | Daily |

**ROTA TO SAIPAN**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 3101 | 9:30AM | 10:00AM | Daily |
| 3102 | 12:00AM | 12:30AM | Daily |
| 3103 | 1:30PM | 3:00PM | Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri |
| 3104 | 4:30PM | 5:00PM | Daily |

**ROTA TO GUAM**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 3401 | 12:15 | 12:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |

**GUAM TO ROTA**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 4301 | 13:00 | 13:30 | Temporarily Unavailable |

**SAIPAN TO TINIAN**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 1201 | 7:00 | 7:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 1202 | 8:00 | 8:15 | Daily |
| 1203 | 9:00 | 9:15 | Daily |
| 1204 | 10:00 | 10:15 | Daily |
| 1205 | 11:00 | 11:15 | Daily |
| 1206 | 12:00 | 12:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 1207 | 13:00 | 13:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 1208 | 14:00 | 14:15 | Daily |
| 1209 | 15:00 | 15:15 | Daily |
| 1210 | 16:00 | 16:15 | Daily |
| 1211 | 17:00 | 17:15 | Daily |
| 1212 | 17:00 | 17:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |

**TINIAN TO SAIPAN**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 2101 | 7:30 | 7:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 2102 | 8:30 | 8:45 | Daily |
| 2103 | 9:30 | 9:45 | Daily |
| 2104 | 10:30 | 10:45 | Daily |
| 2105 | 11:30 | 11:45 | Daily |
| 2106 | 12:30 | 12:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 2107 | 13:30 | 13:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 2108 | 14:30 | 14:45 | Daily |
| 2109 | 15:30 | 15:45 | Daily |
| 2110 | 16:30 | 16:45 | Daily |
| 2111 | 17:30 | 17:45 | Daily |
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# Business

## Fed to fight inflation with fastest rate hikes in decades

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The Federal Reserve is poised this week to accelerate its most drastic steps in three decades to attack inflation by making it costlier to borrow—for a car, a home, a business deal, a credit card purchase—all of which will compound Americans' financial strains and likely weaken the economy.

Yet with inflation having surged to a 40-year high, the Fed has come under extraordinary pressure to act aggressively to slow spending and curb the price spikes that are bedeviling households and companies.

Powell

After its latest rate-setting meeting ends Wednesday, the Fed will almost certainly announce that it's raising its benchmark short-term interest rate by a half-percentage point—the sharpest rate hike since 2000. The Fed will likely carry out another half-point rate hike at its next meeting in June and possibly at the next one after that, in July. Economists foresee still further rate hikes in the months to follow.

What's more, the Fed is also expected to announce Wednesday that it will begin quickly shrinking its vast stockpile of Treasury and mortgage bonds beginning in June—a move that will have the effect of further tightening credit.

Chair Jerome Powell and the Fed will take these steps largely in the dark. No one knows just how high the central bank's short-term rate must go to slow the economy and restrain inflation. Nor do the officials know how much they can reduce the Fed's unprecedented $9 trillion balance sheet before they risk destabilizing financial markets.

## PIC Guam's The Bistro is back

**TUMON, Guam**—The Bistro, an iconic restaurant located at the Pacific Islands Club Guam in Tumon, has reopened with daily service for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and will begin its Sunday brunch offering this Sunday for Mother's Day, May 8.

**» PIC reopens iconic venue for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch**

The Bistro serves contemporary American cuisine in an upscale yet relaxed atmosphere. The restaurant overlooks the stunning Tumon Bay and offers panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean and Guam's vibrant sunsets from its picture windows. The restaurant is open Monday through Saturday for breakfast from 7:30am to 9:30am and lunch from 11:30am to 2pm. On Sundays, The Bistro serves brunch from 10:30am to 2:pm. The Bistro is open for dinner daily from 6pm to 9pm.

"We are pleased to announce The Bistro's reopening. Our team is ready to welcome back our customers to experience The Bistro they know and love while inviting new guests to learn why The Bistro has been a resident favorite for many years," said Ben Ferguson, general manager of PIC. "The reopening of The Bistro is another positive sign that tourism is returning. As visitor arrivals begin to increase, we felt it was time to bring back our team to offer another top-quality dining experience for the island."

The Bistro offers a la carte menus that feature a wide variety of breakfast, lunch, and dinner options. The new Sunday brunch buffet will feature a carving station to complement an array of stations—a deluxe salad bar, appetizers, hot entrees, desserts, and more.

The Bistro, along with the entirety of the Pacific Islands Club property, retains the Guam Safe Certification and World Travel and Tourism Council Safe Travels certification. This stamp indicates that PIC has implemented the highest safety and hygiene measures to enhance guest safety and enjoyment.

"The Bistro has always been a favorite of the business community, and I'm sure they will be happy to hear that we are open and offering a new lunch menu," Ferguson added. "As tourism resumes, we are anticipating the re-opening of additional PIC outlets, such as the Skylight soon."

Reservations are required for the Bistro and can be made by calling 671-646-9171 or by emailing reservations@picguam.com. ***(PIC Guam)***

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell gets banned from Twitter, again

MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell was banned from Twitter for a second time after attempting to use a new account to access the social media platform. Lindell set up a new account Sunday on Twitter under @MikeJLindell. The account was quickly suspended. Twitter said Monday that Lindell's new account was permanently suspended for violating its rules on ban evasion. Lindell's original Twitter account was permanently banned in January 2021 after Lindell continued to perpetuate the baseless claim that Donald Trump won the 2020 U.S. presidential election. At the time Twitter said that it decided to ban Lindell due to "repeated violations" of its civic integrity policy. Lindell, a Trump supporter, has continued to insist that the presidential election was rigged even after U.S. President Joe Biden's administration had begun. (AP)

### Australian central bank decides first rate hike in 11 years

**CANBERRA, Australia** (AP)—Australia's central bank on Tuesday lifted its benchmark interest rate for the first time in more than 11 years. The cash rate rose from 0.1% to 0.35%.A rise was widely expected after official data released last week showed that Australia's inflation rose to 5.1% in the year through March. It is the highest annual rate since 2001, when a newly introduced 10% federal consumption tax created a temporary spike. Inflation in the latest March quarter was sharply higher than the 3.5% three months earlier. The March result was driven by a surge in fuel and housing costs as well as food shortages created by recent Australian floods. The Reserve Bank of Australia adjusts interest rates to keep inflation within a 2-3% target band. The cash rate has been at a record low 0.1% since November 2020.

### 1,000 CNH Industrial workers strike in Iowa, Wisconsin

More than 1,000 workers at two CNH Industrial plants went on strike Monday in search of a better deal with the company that makes agriculture and construction equipment. The United Auto Workers union said the workers in Racine, Wisconsin, and Burlington, Iowa, went on strike at noon after contract talks faltered. The action follows a spate of strikes in the past year, including a high-profile monthlong strike at Deere & Co. that resulted in 10% raises and improved benefits for 10,000 UAW workers at that equipment maker. "Our members at CNHi strike for the ability to earn a decent living, retire with dignity and establish fair work rules," said Chuck Browning, vice president and director of the union's Agricultural Implement Department. The company, which is based in the United Kingdom, said in a statement that it is disappointed it couldn't reach an agreement with the union, and it remains committed to the bargaining process. CNH Industrial has more than 37,000 employees total. (AP)

### Amazon workers in NYC reject union in a reversal of fortune

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Amazon warehouse workers overwhelmingly rejected a union bid on Monday, dealing a blow to organizers who last month pulled off the first successful U.S. organizing effort in the retail giant's history. This time around, warehouse workers cast 618 votes—or about 62%—against the union, giving Amazon enough support to fend off a second union win. According to the National Labor Relations Board, which oversees the process, 380 workers—or 38%—voted in favor of the grassroots Amazon Labor Union. About 1,600 workers were eligible to vote. A union attorney says the group is planning to file objections to the election.

### European Union moves forward in antitrust case against Apple

**BRUSSELS** (AP)—The European Union says it believes Apple has abused its dominant position by limiting access to rivals to its mobile payment system Apple Pay. The EU's executive arm has been investigating the technology company since 2020. The European Commission's preliminary view is that Apple is restricting competition by preventing mobile wallets app developers from accessing the necessary hardware and software on its devices. The commission said Monday that the practice "has an exclusionary effect on competitors and leads to less innovation and less choice for consumers for mobile wallets on iPhones." The commission said it sent a Statement of Objections to Apple over its practices. It's a formal step in its investigations into suspected violations of EU antitrust rules.

# Nation

## How the Constitution teaches students to disagree civilly

By GLENN GAMBOA
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The motto for Great Valley High School and its 1,400 students in the Pennsylvania borough of Malvern, about 25 miles west of Philadelphia, is "Creating a new age of learning."

It may be helping create a new age of conversation, too.

By all accounts, political polarization is growing in the United States, having seeped into schools during the pandemic over what steps were needed—or not—to protect children from COVID-19 and now spreading to issues including Critical Race Theory and gender identity. A survey by the RAND Corporation found that nearly 75% of school leaders around the country worry that political polarization disrupts their ability to teach.

That isn't generally the case at Great Valley High School—especially not in Kim Barben's Advanced Placement United States Government class.

"We as a society have become so polarized by partisan politics that it really impedes what we can do as a nation," said Barben, who is celebrating her 20th year as a teacher, during the the past two of which she has taught AP Government at Great Valley. "It's important for the kids to understand that once you pull the politics away, you go to the Constitution. That's really the basis for our government."

With support from the National Constitution Center and its Interactive Constitution initiative, Barben and hundreds of other teachers across the country have the opportunity to demonstrate to students that not everything need be political. They learn how to disagree without being disagreeable.

It's a process that Barben's students have found engaging and useful. Dami Babalola says the class shows how the Constitution still shapes government policy. Safwaan Ahmer says the class draws upon specific passages from the Constitution, which keeps the focus of debates on words and not on disagreements. And Emily De Rezende says she finds the class calming because it seeks answers collaboratively.

"So much of the news is like, you're on one side or the other," De Rezende said. "Then you come into this class, where it's really not about the politics of today. It's more about looking at what the ideals of our founding documents are and trying to apply the best moral standard to those words."

"Everyone's really just trying to do their best to interpret the Constitution in their own way," she adds.

That reaction is exactly what the National Constitution Center was hoping for when it launched the Interactive Constitution in 2015. Yet its expansion, like so many things during the COVID-19 pandemic, was anything but planned.

"It is based on the idea of common ground, and it's designed to be America's leading nonpartisan platform for Constitutional education and debate," said Jeffrey Rosen, the center's president and CEO. "It brings together the top liberal and conservative scholars in America, nominated by the conservative Federalist Society and the progressive American Constitution Society, to write about every clause of the Constitution describing what they agree about and what they disagree about."

That means you can read what the conservative Associate Justice Amy Coney Barrett of the Supreme Court thinks about The Suspension Clause and where she disagreed with former Acting Solicitor General of the United States Neil Katyal, who served in the Obama administration and is now an MSNBC contributor. What may be more striking in these polarized times is that you can see where the Barrett and Katyal actually agree.

The National Constitution Center expanded the program to schools in 2019, funded by the Bezos Family Foundation, the Charles Koch Institute and the Laura and Gary Lauder Family Venture Philanthropy Fund. But the program really took off once students turned to virtual learning early in the pandemic.

## Greyhound racing nearing its end in the US after long slide

Greyhounds run at the start of a race at the Iowa Greyhound Park, Saturday, April 16, 2022, in Dubuque, Iowa. AP

**DUBUQUE, Iowa** (AP)—Vera Rasnake laughed as she led a trio of barking, jostling dogs into the Iowa Greyhound Park, but her smile faded when she acknowledged that after 41 years of being around the sleek animals, her sport was teetering on extinction.

After the end of a truncated season in Dubuque in May, the track here will close. By the end of the year there will only be two tracks left in the country.

"It's very hard for me to see this," Rasnake said.

It's been a long slide for greyhound racing, which reached its peak in the 1980s when there were more than 50 tracks across 19 states. Since then, increased concerns about how the dogs are treated along with an explosion of gambling options have nearly killed a sport that gained widespread appeal about a century ago.

A racing association found that betting on greyhounds plunged from $3.5 billion in 1991 to about $500 million in 2014. Since then, many more tracks have closed.

In some states like the dog-racing mecca of Florida in 2021, it was voter initiatives that ended the sport at the state's dozen tracks. In others like Iowa, state officials allowed casinos to end subsidies that had kept greyhound racing alive as interest declined.

"Do I think the industry is dying? Yes," said Gwyneth Anne Thayer, who has written a history of greyhound racing. But "it's happening way faster than I thought it would."

The Dubuque track closure and the end of racing in West Memphis, Arkansas, this December will leave racing only in West Virginia, where tracks in Wheeling and near Charleston operate with subsidies from casino revenue.

For some animal welfare groups, the industry's collapse is the culmination of decades of work to publicize allegations of greyhound mistreatment. The group GREY2K was formed in 2001 and Carey Theil, the organization's executive director, said he feels a sense of accomplishment now that the sport's end seems within reach.

"This has become one of the signature animal welfare debates of our time," Theil said.

GREY2K, the Humane Society and other groups have long argued that greyhound racing was cruel, including its longtime practice of killing dogs that weren't deemed top racers, using drugs to enhance their performance, confining them for long periods and subjecting animals to the risk of injury on the racetrack.

Industry supporters note there now is a huge demand to adopt retired racers and deny that the other problems are widespread. They also contend that some don't understand the love greyhounds have for running.

On opening day at the Iowa Greyhound Park in Dubuque, spectators packed into a spacious room that overlooked the track, sipping beers and mixed drinks as they pored over racing statistics before placing bets at kiosks or with attendants. They expressed disappointment that the track would close, lamenting the loss of an entertainment option in Dubuque, a city of about 60,000 known for its stately brick buildings and church steeples built on hills overlooking the Mississippi River.

## Trump appeal: $10,000 fine in record search 'unconscionable'

**NEW YORK** (AP)—In a court appeal, a lawyer for Donald Trump said Monday it is "unconscionable and indefensible" for the ex-president to be held in contempt and fined $10,000 a day for failing to turn over documents he doesn't possess.

Attorney Alina Habba made the argument in a submission to a New York state appeals court requesting that the contempt order and fine be suspended until the challenge can be heard by appeals judges.

The arguments were submitted a week after State Supreme Court Judge Arthur Engoron in Manhattan said Trump and his lawyers had failed to show they conducted a proper search for records sought by New York Attorney General Letitia James, a Democrat, in a civil probe of his business dealings.

James had asked the court to hold Trump in contempt after he failed to produce any documents to satisfy a March 31 deadline to meet the terms of the subpoena. She has said her investigation has found evidence that Trump may have misstated the value of assets like skyscrapers and golf courses on financial statements for over a decade.

Trump, a Republican, has been fighting James in court over her investigation, which he has called a politically motivated "witch hunt."

Habba told Engoron a week ago that she met with Trump to ensure he had no records and there were none to be found. On Friday, she submitted additional documents explaining the document search, including an affidavit in which Trump claimed he has no documents. Engoron criticized the affidavit as lacking in detail.

In Monday's written arguments submitted to the appellate division of the state's trial court, Habba wrote that the daily fine "is not only unwarranted, it is also patently improper and impermissible by law."

She said Trump and his representatives had performed a "diligent, thorough and comprehensive search" for everything sought in the subpoena and provided complete and accurate responses to the attorney general. She said the additional submissions last week amounted to "extraordinary efforts to comply."

"Given these circumstances, it is unconscionable and indefensible for Appellant to be held in contempt in any manner, must less at the inordinate expense of $10,000 per day," she said.

The written submission Monday came after Habba notified the appeals court last week that she was appealing. Trump is also appealing Engoron's Feb. 17 ruling requiring him to answer questions under oath. Oral arguments in that appeal are scheduled for May 11.

A message seeking comment from the attorney general's office was not immediately returned.

# Asia

## Shanghai COVID outbreak appears to be waning now

**BEIJING** (AP)—The COVID-19 outbreak that has shut down most of Shanghai appears to be waning, with the number of new cases falling below 10,000 a day over the weekend.

Authorities have begun a limited easing of a citywide lockdown that has disrupted the lives of millions of residents and dealt at least a temporary blow to China's economy. Many have been confined to their apartments for three weeks or more. They reported difficulty ordering food deliveries in the early days of the lockdown and higher prices for what they could get.

China's largest city recorded about 7,000 cases a day on Saturday and Sunday, down from a peak of 27,605 nearly three weeks ago on April 13. Shanghai reported 32 deaths, raising the death toll to 454. Most of the victims have been elderly and many were unvaccinated.

Even as many other countries relax pandemic restrictions, the Chinese government has stuck to a "zero-COVID" approach that restricts travel, mass tests entire cities and sets up sprawling temporary facilities to try to isolate every infected person. Lockdowns start with buildings and neighborhoods but become citywide if the virus is spreading widely.

Many outside experts say it's time for China to change course. Lockdowns helped buy critical time at the start of the pandemic but zero-COVID no longer makes sense from a public health perspective and imposes socioeconomic costs, said Richard Reithinger, the vice president for global health at RTI International in Washington, D.C.

"Continuing to enforce a zero-COVID-19 policy now, including a lockdown approach and restricting travel, is almost like pretending we have learned nothing over the past two years, now that effective treatment options and various vaccines are available," he said.

But Chinese officials worry that a major outbreak could overwhelm the health care system and lead to more deaths, particularly among the unvaccinated elderly.

Authorities in Beijing have closed schools, carried out mass testing of more than 20 million people and imposed targeted lockdowns of buildings and neighborhoods to try to prevent what is still a small outbreak from reaching Shanghai proportions and necessitating a citywide lockdown.

The Chinese capital reported 50 new cases, bringing the total to 400 in the 11-day-old outbreak. Restaurants and gyms have been ordered shut for the May Day national holiday that runs through Wednesday. Major tourist sites in the city, including the Forbidden City and the Beijing Zoo, will close their indoor exhibition halls starting Tuesday.

Shanghai has recorded about 400,000 cases in China's largest outbreak since the start of the pandemic.

## 2 survivors found 3 days after China building collapse

**BEIJING** (AP)—Rescuers have found two more survivors in the rubble of a building in central China that collapsed more than three days ago, state media reported Tuesday.

The official Xinhua News Agency said a man and a woman were pulled out on Monday afternoon and early Tuesday morning.

The woman, whose rescue came after being buried for 88 hours, alerted workers using life detection equipment to her presence by knocking on objects. Xinhua said she was conscious, had normal vital signs and was able to communicate with her rescuers.

The collapse of the six-story building took place at 12:24 p.m. Friday in Changsha, the Hunan provincial capital south of Beijing.

Police have arrested nine people, including the building owner, on suspicion of ignoring building codes or committing other violations. Also held were three people in charge of design and construction and five others who allegedly gave a false safety assessment for a guest house on the building's fourth to sixth floors.

The building also held a residence, a cafe and shops.

Following an increase in the number of collapses of self-built buildings in recent years, Chinese President Xi Jinping said Saturday that it was necessary to check such structures for any hidden dangers and fix them to prevent major accidents, Xinhua said.

Poor adherence to safety standards, including the illegal addition of extra floors and failure to use reinforcing iron bars, is often blamed for such disasters.

## Myanmar's Suu Kyi charged with bribery as new trial opens

**BANGKOK** (AP)—Ousted Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi went on trial Monday in a new corruption case against her, alleging she took $550,000 in bribes from a construction magnate.

She is charged with two counts under the country's the Anti-Corruption Act, with each count punishable by up to 15 years in prison and a fine.

Suu Kyi has been detained since the army ousted her elected government in February 2021 and has not been seen or allowed to speak in public since then. She is being tried in closed sessions and her lawyers cannot speak publicly on her behalf or about her trial because of a gag order placed on them.

She has already been sentenced to 11 years' imprisonment after being convicted of illegally importing and possessing walkie-talkies, violating coronavirus restrictions, sedition and another corruption charge.

Suu Kyi's supporters and human rights groups have said the cases against her are an attempt to discredit her and legitimize the military's seizure of power, eliminating the possibility of her taking part in a possible 2023 election.

But widespread resistance to the army's takeover has resulted in what some U.N. experts have characterized as a civil war, challenging the military's ability to govern.

Monday's opening of Suu Kyi' latest trial was confirmed by a legal official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release information.

In this latest case, she is accused of receiving money in 2019 and 2020 from Maung Weik, a tycoon who previously was convicted of drug trafficking. State television under control of the military government last year showed a video in which Maung Weik claimed to have given cash payoffs to government ministers to help his businesses.

Ye Htet, an official from the Anti-Corruption Commission who is a plaintiff in the case, gave testimony in Monday's proceedings, said the legal official, who said payments Maung Weik made in 2019 and 2020 were being treated as separate counts.

# World

## Civilians rescued from Ukraine steel plant now head for safety

AP

Natalia Pototska, 43, cries as her grandson Matviy looks on in a car at a center for displaced people in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine, Monday, May 2, 2022.

**ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine** (AP)—Russia resumed pulverizing the Mariupol steel mill that has become the last stronghold of resistance in the bombed-out city, Ukrainian fighters said Monday, after a brief cease-fire over the weekend allowed the first evacuation of civilians from the plant.

Meanwhile, a senior U.S. official warned that Russia is planning to annex large portions of eastern Ukraine this month and recognize the southern city of Kherson as an independent republic.

Michael Carpenter, U.S. ambassador to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, said that those suspected actions are "straight out of the Kremlin's playbook" and will not be recognized by the United States or its allies.

In Mariupol, more than 100 people—including elderly women and mothers with small children—left the rubble-strewn Azovstal steelworks on Sunday and set out in buses and ambulances for the Ukrainian-controlled city of Zaporizhzhia, about 140 miles (230 kilometers) to the northwest, according to authorities and video released by the two sides.

Mariupol Deputy Mayor Sergei Orlov told the BBC that the evacuees were making slow progress and would probably not arrive in Zaporizhzhia on Monday as hoped. Authorities gave no explanation for the delay.

At least some of the civilians were apparently taken to a village controlled by Russia-backed separatists. The Russian military said some chose to stay in separatist areas, while dozens left for Ukrainian-held territory.

In the past, Ukraine has accused Moscow's troops of taking civilians against their will to Russia or Russian-controlled areas. The Kremlin has denied it.

The Russian bombardment of the sprawling plant by air, tank and ship picked up again after the partial evacuation, Ukraine's Azov Battalion, which is helping to defend the mill, said on the Telegram messaging app.

Orlov said high-level negotiations were underway among Ukraine, Russia and international organizations on evacuating more people.

The steel-plant evacuation, if successful, would represent rare progress in easing the human cost of the almost 10-week war, which has caused particular suffering in Mariupol. Previous attempts to open safe corridors out of the southern port city and other places have broken down, with Ukrainian officials accusing Russian forces of shooting and shelling along agreed-on evacuation routes.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Flooding forces evacuation in parts of Manitoba after rains

**WINNIPEG** (AP)—Flooding has forced evacuations in some parts of Manitoba after heavy rains caused rivers to swell. The Manitoba government said some regions in the province's south received four to six times the normal amount of precipitation in April, much of it in the form of snow that was melting at the same time as heavy rains on the weekend. The Peguis First Nation, about 150 kilometers (93.2 miles) north of Winnipeg, was placed under a mandatory evacuation order after ice jams on the Fisher River drove up water levels.

``We have probably 480 some-odd homes that are completely surrounded by water and roads have been breached," Chief Glen Hudson said Monday. Close to 900 people were evacuated. Residents were sent to hotels in nearby communities, including Selkirk, Gimli and Winnipeg.

#### Thousands flee after clashes erupt in embattled Iraqi town

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—Thousands or people fled a northern Iraqi town amid fierce clashes between the army and a militia linked to a Kurdish separatist group, the military and local Iraqi Kurdish officials said Monday. At least 3,000 people left Sinjar and its surrounding areas, the officials said, and headed farther north toward the semi-autonomous Kurdish region to seek asylum. They left when clashes intensified on Monday between the Iraqi army and the YBS, a militia group with ties to the Turkish insurgent Kurdistan Worker's Party, or PKK. Many were Yazidis displaced during the 2014 Islamic State onslaught and are bracing for another round of violence after returning to their homes only a few years ago. Most of the displaced were distributed across camps in the Kurdish region, said Pir Dayan, director of the migration and crisis response department in Dohuk province, in the Kurdish-run region. The Kurdistan government has formed a committee to deal with the situation.

# Good Housekeeping

# Design classics

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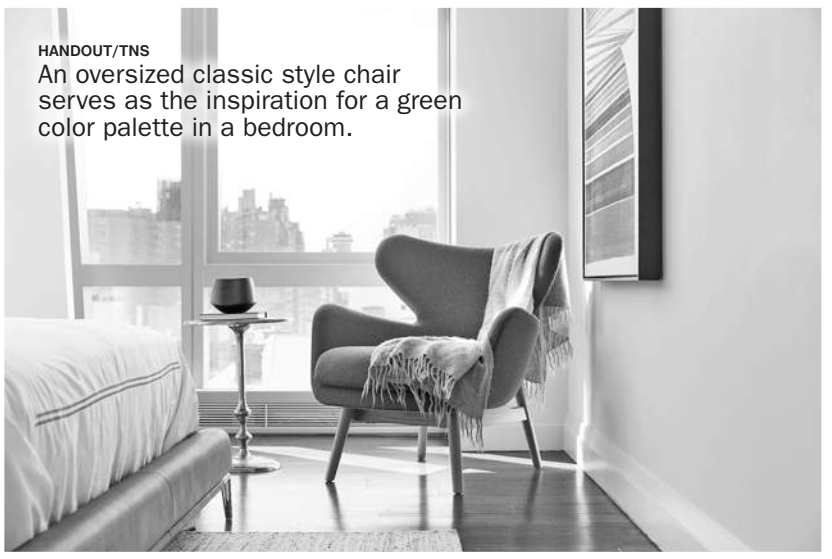
When it comes to interior design, it is often said that it is best to be "on trend" but not "trendy." This is where classic and timeless design elements come into play and can help to serve as a timeless foundation for your home. If chosen purposefully, the selection of classic elements will allow you to be able to have decor elements that can be enjoyed for years. When it comes to selecting classic design elements, here are five top tips.



HANDOUT/TNS
An oversized classic style chair serves as the inspiration for a green color palette in a bedroom.

HANDOUT/TNS
A classic style iron headboard adds an eclectic yet timeless vibe to this bedroom.

HANDOUT/TNS
Classic elements such as chairs and midcentury modern coffee table helps to instill a classic vibe.

HANDOUT/TNS
A classic style wall hanging adds an interesting element to a living space.

HANDOUT/TNS
A sideboard with a caned front instills a classic and timeless vibe in this living space.

HANDOUT/TNS
Bedding in a classic print serves as a timeless foundation in a children's bedroom.

HANDOUT/TNS
Classic dining selections such as this dining table and chairs creates universal appeal.

**1.** Consider classic bedding. Bedding is the foundation of every bedroom. Selecting a classic pattern will allow you to pair it with portable design elements that can infuse color and pattern such as pillows and throws.

**2.** Select a curated collection of throwback pieces. Throwback pieces are those you may have seen and admired decades ago, and now they are back in style. This is the foundation of a classic design.

**3.** Look to place classic design elements throughout various rooms of your home, from social areas such as living and dining spaces to bedrooms.

**4.** Purchase one or two curated classic pieces and use them as a foundation from which to add other classic elements over time.

**5.** Go for quality. Furniture and decor pieces that are well made will allow for longevity.

HANDOUT/TNS
Classic floral artwork in a timeless print, helps to add a neutral element to this bedroom.

# Life & Style

# Met Gala: Kardashian as Monroe, a gilded Blake Lively

From left, Kim Kardashian, right, and Pete Davidson; Blake Lively, left, and Ryan Reynolds; Michelle Yeoh; Vanessa Hudgens; Anna Wintour; and Janelle Monae. AP

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Kim Kardashian shut down the Met Gala red carpet Monday in one of Marilyn Monroe's most iconic dresses, a gold-beaded body hugger Monroe wore when she sexily sang happy birthday to President John F. Kennedy 60 years ago.

Kardashian had to lose 16 pounds to fit into the dress, designed by Jean Louis and purchased in 2016 by the Ripley's Believe or Not! museum in Orlando, Florida, for a whopping $4.81 million.

"It was such a challenge," she said. "I was determined to fit it."

The dress originally cost $12,000. It was so tight Monroe had to be sewn into it when she purred "Happy birthday, Mr. president" on May 19, 1962, at a Madison Square Garden fundraiser. She died three months later. It has been known as the "Happy Birthday, Mr. President" dress ever since.

Kardashian, with boyfriend Pete Davidson at her side, paired the dress with Cartier white gold drop diamond earrings and a furry white jacket she kept strategically low to cover her backside. Her hair was platinum and pulled tightly into a bun. But she only wore the fragile original dress for her walk up the Grand Staircase at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, changing into a replica after that, according to Vogue.

Earlier, Blake Lively smiled for the cameras in a grand Atelier Versace gown, with husband Ryan Reynolds in brown velvet, Billie Eilish went with an upcycled green lace-trim dress from Gucci and Cynthia Erivo wore sheer white Louis Vuitton with a matching head piece as the Met Gala returned to its berth on the first Monday in May after years of pandemic upheaval.

The celebration of American design was themed to gilded glamour, sprouting classic black tailed tuxedoes for many of the men and lots of dresses in black and white for the women. Others paid literal homage to New York City, home base for the Gilded Age, and still more shimmered in metallic golds and silver.

"Black and white are THE colors for the evening," said Holly Katz, a stylist and host of the Fashion Crimes podcast.

Lively, one of the evening's co-hosts, wore a bronze and rose gold look that transformed into a shimmery layer of baby blue as a large bow was pulled. Her look drew inspiration from the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building and the blue ceiling of Grand Central Station.

"Instead of looking to fashion to influence the dress, I looked to New York City architecture," Lively said.

Cardi B, accompanied by Donatella Versace, was an over-the-top golden goddess in a dress of mesh and chains, a fitting birthday for the designer.

Gigi Hadid was more redefined cat woman than golden girl. She wore a tight-as-skin, blood red Latex catsuit with a corseted bodice and huge, heavy quilted coat from Versace. She walked gingerly up the steps.

Lizzo, meanwhile, got the crowd cheering when she played her gold flute for fans watching the parade of fashion outside. She wore a black dress under a stunning gold-embroidered black coat, all by Thom Browne.

Camila Cabello worked a huge white gown with a midriff top, from Prabal Gurung, while Jordan Roth, the theater producer, provided a reveal of his own, removing a black, egg-like shell to a matching bulbous suit, all by Thom Browne. Janelle Monáe offered a royal wave in a black and white bedazzled helmet piece and slinky gown with head piece.

"Amazing. I'm proud to be American. I'm proud to be wearing Ralph Lauren. This is gilded glamour from the future," Monáe told The Associated Press.

New York Mayor Eric Adams put politics front and center in a tux emblazoned with "End Gun Violence" on the back. Former presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton was in a Bordeaux-colored gown designed by Joseph Altuzarra with the names of historic women sewn into the hem and neckline. They include Abigail Adams, Shirley Chisolm and Madeleine Albright.

Clinton's last Met Gala was a while ago.

"I told Anna I would come every 20 years," she said.

Vogue livestream co-host Vanessa Hudgens made her way up the steps in a vaguely Victorian black sheer lace gown with a long train by Moschino. She was joined by La La Anthony, her fellow Vogue host who wore a deep red look with cut out shoulders from LaQuan Smith.

"I'm practically naked," Hudgens joked.

Anthony said: "Those stairs are intimidating."

And if the Met Gala's return feels like one of those what, already moments, it is.

It's been just under eight months since the last gala, an annual fundraiser that raises eight-figure sums for the Met's Costume Institute. More than $16.4 million was raised last year. The starry event is the institute's primary budget feeder.

This year's gala coincides with the opening of the second part of a two-part exhibit at the Costume Institute focused on American fashion and style. The evening's dress code was gilded glamour and white tie, a la the Gilded Age, that tumultuous period between the Civil War and the turn of the 20th century known for its robber barons, drama and grandeur.

Some of the stars included extra touches. Gabrielle Union said the red jewels in her hair to go with her silver Versace dress represented the blood shed by people of color during the Gilded Age. The dress included a large red flower embellishment at the waist.

Vogue's Anna Wintour, who has run the gala since 1995, wore feathery Chanel and a jeweled tiara that has been in her family since 1910. She continues as one of the night's honorary co-chairs, along with designer Tom Ford and Instagram's Adam Mosseri. The other official co-chairs for 2022 are Regina King and Lin-Manuel Miranda.

## Husband keeps explicit media from previous relationships

DEAR ABBY: A year ago, when I discovered my husband's porn videos and naked pictures of his ex-girlfriends, he assured me he would delete them. It has been a year, and he still hasn't done it. When I mention it, he claims he doesn't look at them and doesn't have time to delete them. I ask him to be honest with me about if he intends to keep them, but he insists he "will" delete them. It makes me believe he has an emotional attachment to these women. How should I continue to deal with this issue?

**HE'S GOT A WIFE NOW**

**DEAR WIFE: Your husband may be less emotionally attached to the ex-girlfriends than titillated by their pictures. From what you have written, your husband isn't being completely honest with you. And THAT is the issue you should be dealing with, with the help of a licensed counselor, because solid marriages are based on trust, and there can't be trust without honesty.**

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**DEAR ABBY:** Our 24-year-old daughter is dating a 28-year-old divorced man who has two kids. Her father is very upset about it and refuses to meet him. The reason is the children. We both think they will be a burden to our daughter and she will eventually have problems with his ex-wife. How can we tell her we don't accept him without pushing her away or making her break up with him? She doesn't live with us.

**SAD IN FLORIDA**

**DEAR SAD: At 24, your daughter is an adult. At this point, she should have achieved enough independence to decide—without coercion—with whom she wants to be romantically involved.**

**I do not advise refusing to meet the man she cares about because it may be counterproductive. Children from prior relationships do not necessarily cause problems, and not all ex-spouses fly around on brooms causing trouble. You and your husband should make an effort to get to know him and, if you see red flags afterward, point them out then.**

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**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a front desk clerk at a hotel where a regular guest has stayed for years. We have become acquainted as we're both retired teachers and each have written books. When she told me she could no longer afford to stay at the hotel, I offered her my spare bedroom to use on occasion, and she calls at least once a month to stay here.

My husband is over it. The whole evening revolves around this woman. Since I have gotten to know her better, I have realized she's very self-centered. She barely thanks us for her stay, although we include her in our dinner plans and she eats breakfast here as well. I'm a softy and I have used various excuses to stop this. Any suggestions for me, a coward, to call a halt to her inviting herself to my house for the night?

**SOFTY IN THE SOUTH**

**DEAR SOFTY: Yes. Quit making excuses and tell her almost all of the truth, which is that your husband is "over it" and therefore she will have to make other plans. Period.**

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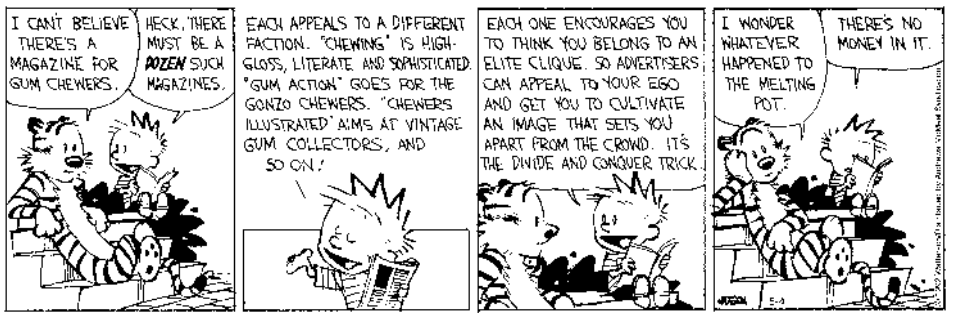
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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HECK, THERE MUST BE A DOZEN SUCH MAGAZINES.
EACH APPEALS TO A DIFFERENT FACTION. "CHEWING" IS HIGH-GLOSS, LITERATE AND SOPHISTICATED. "GUM ACTION" GOES FOR THE GONZO CHEWERS. "CHEWERS ILLUSTRATED" AIMS AT VINTAGE GUM COLLECTORS, AND SO ON.
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I WONDER WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE MELTING POT.
THERE'S NO MONEY IN IT.

## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

WE NOW RETURN TO "DOG HORROR THEATER"
GRACIE, I'M STEPPING ONTO THE PORCH TO GET THE MAIL, OKAY? I'LL BE BACK IN TEN SECONDS, OKAY?
SLAM
YAHHH

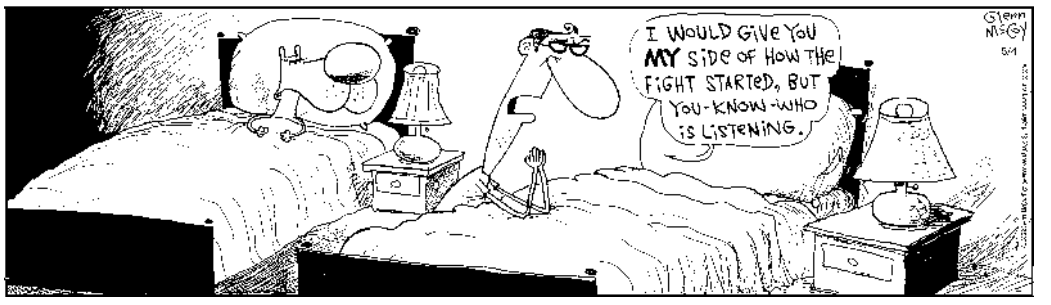
## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

IMPROPER USE OF A Q-TIP!!
TWIST
LADY HYGIENE SAYS: "NEVER STICK 'EM IN YOUR EARS."
HONEY, THEY SAY THAT, BUT EVERYONE DOES IT.
IT FEELS AMAZING.
BACK AWAY FROM THE SWABS EAR POKER!!

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy




## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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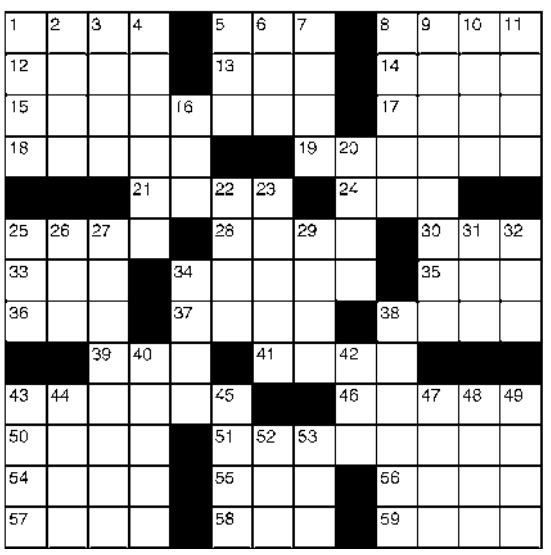

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**ARIES** *(March 21-April 19):* A positive attitude mixed with charm will help you get what you want. Call on people you know you can trust to support you. Bring about change that will benefit you and your peers. A meeting will resolve issues and offer clarity. ✪✪✪✪

**TAURUS** *(April 20-May 20):* Change requires thought and planning. Leave nothing to chance and don't let your emotions trick you into a costly mistake. Double-check to ensure you have the necessary paperwork filled out and have taken care of small but essential details yourself. Diligence will pay off. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** *(May 21-June 20):* The information you receive will not be reliable. Don't make assumptions or trust someone who exaggerates. Use your charm and intelligence to wind your way through conversations and situations that can hurt your reputation. Someone will twist your words. ✪✪✪

**CANCER** *(June 21-July 22):* Take better care of your health and emotional well-being. Make lifestyle adjustments that help ease stress and encourage you to stick to a safe budget and routine. Think before you make promises or spend money. An offer will have strings attached. ✪✪✪

**LEO** *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Trust yourself to do what's best for you; if you follow someone, you will hit a dead end. Concentrate on personal growth, physical improvements and spending time with people who bring out the best in you. Romance is on the rise. ✪✪✪✪

**VIRGO** *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Turn unexpected changes into a learning experience, and you'll benefit from the way things unfold. Be receptive to input, but follow the path best suited to the things you want to pursue. Controlled emotions will help ward off discord. ✪✪

**LIBRA** *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Family and friends will influence your life and the decisions you make. Ask questions, and open your doors to those who shed light on the possibilities that exist. Personal gain is within reach, and help is available. ✪✪✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Sit back and observe, your day will gain momentum. Let your imagination filter into your conversations, and you'll attract interest and suggestions that lead to personal improvements. Don't buy into someone's plan; invest in yourself. ✪✪✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Divide your time between professional and personal responsibilities. Leave no stone unturned. Counter any suggestion or proposal you receive with questions. Acting on an assumption will not pay off. Choose your words wisely. ✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Formulate a plan, and know what you want and what's meaningful to you before you make a move. Do the work yourself, you won't be disappointed in the results you get. Protect your health, and nurture relationships that matter to you. ✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Choose to observe rather than participate in someone's grand plans. Put your energy into your domestic improvements, and make sure your environment is comfortable and convenient. Recognize what others want and who is using manipulation. Protect yourself and your reputation. ✪✪✪✪✪

**PISCES** *(Feb. 19-March 20):* A creative venue will spark your imagination and encourage you to partner with other like-minded people. Explore how other people's talents and skills can complement what you have to offer. Conversations will lead to a new adventure. Fact-check before you proceed. ✪✪

**Birthday Baby:** You are determined, resourceful and sensitive. You are conscientious and productive ✪: *Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes.* ✪✪: *You can accomplish, but don't rely on others.* ✪✪✪: *Focus and you'll reach your goals.* ✪✪✪✪: *Aim high; start new projects.* ✪✪✪✪✪: *Nothing can stop you; go for gold.*

# SUDOKU

## Conceptis Sudoku

*By Dave Green*

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# Herro scores 25, Heat take Game 1 over 76ers, 106-92

**MIAMI** (AP)—Tyler Herro had spent the last few days dealing with an upper-respiratory bug that disrupted his routine. So he arrived at Miami's arena early Monday morning, 10 hours before gametime, to get some shots up and restore his rhythm.

It worked.

And the Heat struck first against the shorthanded Philadelphia 76ers.

Herro scored 25 points — the second-most he'd ever had in a playoff game — while Bam Adebayo finished with 24 points and 12 rebounds, and the top-seeded Heat ran away in the second half to beat the fourth-seeded 76ers 106-92 in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference semifinal matchup.

Herro was 4 for 6 from 3-point range; everyone else in the game shot a combined 11 for 64 from deep.

"He's a worker," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "He's relentless."

The 76ers were without Joel Embiid, the MVP finalist who isn't even in Miami while recovering from an orbital fracture and concussion — injuries suffered in Philadelphia's first-round-clinching win at Toronto. He's not expected to play in Game 2.

And as would be expected, he was missed. Except by Adebayo, who barely missed anything. He was 8 for 10 from the floor, 8 for 8 from the line.

AP

Philadelphia 76ers forward Tobias Harris (12) drives to the basket as Miami Heat guard Tyler Herro (14) defends, during the first half of Game 1 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series, Monday, May 2, 2022, in Miami.

"I feel like I was just making plays," Adebayo said.

Jimmy Butler added 15 points for the top-seeded Heat, who got 10 from Gabe Vincent and P.J. Tucker.

Tobias Harris scored 27 points for Philadelphia, which got 19 from Tyrese Maxey and 16 points, nine rebounds and five assists from James Harden.

Game 2 is Wednesday in Miami.

"I didn't like how we moved the ball," 76ers coach Doc Rivers said. "I thought we passed late tonight. I thought the physicality affected us tonight and that had an impact. There were too many times, we'd take the extra dribble and by the time we passed it they got there."

Miami came out as aggressive as could be, putting Tucker on Harden and having him guard him the entire 94 feet of the floor in a similar approach to what the Heat utilized against Atlanta's Trae Young in the first round series.

"Doing my job," Tucker said.

It worked — for a while. Miami led by as many as 12 in the opening quarter, then a 10-2 run fueled by eight points from Herro gave the Heat a 13-point edge at 37-24 to mark their biggest of the half. The margin was still 46-36 midway through the second after another Herro basket.

The rest of the half was all Philly. And that was the 76ers' takeaway from the night.

"It's doable. It is doable," Maxey said. "It's not totally out of reach."

Miami went 1 for 9 from the field over the final 6 minutes of the half, with four turnovers in there as well, and Philadelphia went on a 15-4 spurt. Harden's shot in the lane with 28 seconds left put the 76ers up 51-50, their first lead of the night and the score that they took into the locker room.

The 76ers scored the first four points of the second half, going up by five. That was as good as it got for the 76ers.

"I liked how we fought back," Rivers said. "I liked how we came out at the beginning of the third quarter ... and then I didn't like the rest of the game from that point on."

Adebayo took a bullet pass from Tucker for a dunk that put Miami up 62-61, and that would be the final lead change of the night. It was the start of a 10-0 run that built a cushion, and then an 13-2 run early in the fourth decided matters and pushed the Heat edge out to 98-77.

"It's the playoffs," Adebayo said. "First to four."

### Suns 121, Mavericks 114

In Phoenix, after a brief hiatus, the Phoenix Suns that bulldozed through the regular-season schedule made an appearance on Monday night.

Deandre Ayton scored 25 points, Devin Booker added 23 and the top-seeded Suns rolled to a 121-114 win over the Dallas Mavericks in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals.

The Suns never trailed, jumping to a 9-0 lead in the opening minutes and staying on the gas until the final minutes. They shot 50.5% from the field, won the rebounding edge 51-36 and beat the Mavericks for the 10th straight time, counting regular season games.

Phoenix had a few hiccups late — making the final score a little closer than it should have been — but the Suns looked much more like the team that set a franchise record with 64 wins during the season.

"We'll take the win," Suns point guard Chris Paul said. "It's not always going to be pretty. We played well most of the game. We'll look at the film tomorrow and see what we need to do differently for Game 2."

Luka Doncic led the Mavericks with 45 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists. It's the first time Dallas has advanced to the postseason's second round in Doncic's four-year NBA career.

Doncic and Maxi Kleber looked ready for the challenge but the rest of the Mavs didn't do much until it was too late. Kleber finished with 19 points.

"I thought Maxi and Luka in that first half kept us afloat," Mavericks coach Jason Kidd said. "We could have easily been down 39 at halftime but Maxi and LD were good. LD was good in the second half, too.

"We've just got to get someone to join the party."

Game 2 is on Wednesday in Phoenix.

Booker missed three games during Phoenix's tougher-than-expected first-round win over the New Orleans Pelicans because of a strained right hamstring. He returned for the closeout Game 6 and scored 13 points, but looked a little more cautious than usual in his effort to stay healthy.

That hesitancy was gone in the first quarter on Monday: Booker scored 13 points on 4 of 8 shooting and added six rebounds and four assists.

Ayton dominated in the paint and mid-range, hitting his usual array of turnaround jumpers, runners and dunks. The 6-foot-11 center shot 12 of 20 from the field. Paul added 19 points and Cam Johnson had 17 off the bench.

"I liked the fact that we weren't settling for 3s tonight," Suns coach Monty Williams said. "A lot of guys were attacking the paint, we were getting floaters and rim shots."

All five Suns starters scored in double figures.

The Suns' opening salvo was highlighted by a Jae Crowder 3-pointer and Booker's lob pass to Mikal Bridges for a dunk. Phoenix extended its lead to 18-6 midway through the first quarter before a discombobulated Dallas called timeout.

The Mavericks stayed in the game for a while thanks to Doncic and Kleber, who hit his first four 3-pointers. The pair helped Dallas pull within 51-47 midway through the second but the Suns finished the half with another run, going into the break with a 69-56 lead.

# Jazz face many questions after another early playoff exit

**SALT LAKE CITY** (AP)—The Utah Jazz entered this season as one of the favorites to win the NBA title.

Like a few other teams on the top of that list—the Lakers and Brooklyn, primarily—they wound up as disappointments.

The Jazz, who brought back many key players from last season, when they had the NBA's best regular-season record, lost to the Dallas Mavericks in six games for their second first-round exit in three seasons.

"We fell short of our goal," guard Donovan Mitchell said. "This hurts, I ain't going to lie."

Potential future changes after another disappointing end could center on Mitchell and center Rudy Gobert.

Gobert is owed $85 million over the next two years, plus he holds a $46.6 million player option for the 2025-26 season. Mitchell is owed $67.5 million for the next two seasons, followed by a $37 million player option. Their relationship has been strained at times, going back to at least the start of the pandemic, when Gobert was the first NBA player to test positive for COVID-19 and Mitchell tested positive a day later. And speculation has been rampant since about whether a dynamic scorer like Mitchell and a dominant defender like Gobert can be the sort of 1-2 punch that leads a championship team.

Both will figure to have interest if the Jazz choose to make them available on the trade market—and it's not outside the realm of possibility that either or both players might ask for a move as well.

"There's things that could change," Mitchell acknowledged after the Game 6 defeat Thursday night. "I'm not ready to discuss that, to be honest with you right now. Mentally, I'm just not in that headspace to be completely honest with you. I'm really not."

### SNYDER STAYING PUT?

Questions linger about coach Quin Snyder's future.

Snyder is 372-264 over eight seasons in Utah. He is only one of two coaches to post a winning career record with the Jazz. Hall of Famer Jerry Sloan is the other. But regular-season success has not translated to the playoffs. Utah has gone 21-20

in postseason games under Snyder and has not advanced past the second round with him in charge.

Jazz GM Justin Zanik said Friday that the team's plans include Snyder.

"Quin Snyder is one of the best coaches in the NBA," Zanik said. "There is no other partner that I would rather have as a coach, a leader of our players, and a partner in the front office than Quin Snyder."

The Jazz players are quick to praise Snyder for his knowledge of the game and his active role in their development.

"Love Quin. I love Quin. Love Quin," Mitchell said. "He's a guy that gave me an opportunity when I first got here and trusted in me and believed in me. I think he's a guy that there's been so much talked about and he's been headstrong, he's been steady with it throughout the year."

### NO DRAFT

The Jazz don't have any picks in the upcoming draft. Zanik declined to say whether Utah intends to trade into the draft or bring players in for pre-draft workouts.

Utah historically has been active in draft-day trades. If the Jazz do pass on trading in, Zanik said the return of the Salt Lake City summer league will be an important tool for talent evaluation and developing younger players on their roster like Jared Butler and Trent Forrest.

The Jazz will host their annual four-team summer league from July 5 to July 7.

### NO ROOM

Utah will have more than $150 million committed in player salaries heading into the 2022-23 season. The Jazz will face difficulty retooling their roster without making trades. Hassan Whiteside, Eric Paschall, and Danuel House Jr. are all free agents, but they combined to make just under $5 million this season.

### GAY SIDELINED

Rudy Gay's season ended on a quiet note after he made a splash as Utah's highest-profile free agent acquisition last summer. Gay signed a three-year deal with the Jazz, giving the team a veteran wing expected to shore up their perimeter defense and complement Jordan Clarkson as a bench scorer.

Gay struggled to regain his form after offseason heel surgery. He averaged a career-low 8.1 points on 41% shooting. Snyder pulled Gay from the rotation late in the season and he did not appear in Utah's six playoff games.

# Yankees beat Blue Jays 4-2 to win 10th straight

**TORONTO** (AP)—Gleyber Torres homered early, then hit a go-ahead single in the ninth inning as the New York Yankees won their 10th straight game, beating the Toronto Blue Jays 3-2 Monday night.

Giancarlo Stanton singled off Yimi Garcia (0-2) to begin the New York ninth, ending a streak of four perfect innings by Blue Jays relievers. Pinch-runner Tim Locastro stole second, but Josh Donaldson grounded out and Aaron Hicks struck out before Torres lined a single to center field.

Clay Holmes (2-0) pitched 1 1-3 innings for the win and Chad Green worked a perfect ninth for his first save in three chances. The Yankees won for the 12th time in 13 games and improved their MLB-leading record to 17-8.

The Blue Jays dropped to 9-3 in one-run games.

AP

New York Yankees right fielder Aaron Judge, center, and relief pitcher Chad Green (57) celebrate after defeating the Toronto Blue Jays in nine innings of a baseball game in Toronto, Monday, May 2, 2022.

### Twins 2, Orioles 1

In Baltimore, Chris Paddack pitched effectively into the sixth, and Carlos Correa hit a tiebreaking single that same inning to lift Minnesota to its 10th win in 11 games.

The Twins were shut out in two of Paddack's first three starts this season but got just enough run support to win this time. Paddack (1-2) allowed a run and four hits in 5 1/3 innings. Hard-throwing rookie Jhoan Duran pitched a perfect ninth for his first career save.

Tyler Wells allowed a run and four hits in five innings for Baltimore. Bryan Baker (1-1) allowed a leadoff single in the sixth to Byron Buxton, who went to second on a groundout and scored on Correa's single.

Minnesota third baseman Jose Miranda made his big-league debut. Ranked as baseball's No. 93 prospect by MLB Pipeline, he went hitless in four at-bats.

### Astros 3, Mariners 0

In Houston, Yordan Alvarez hit a solo homer and rookie Jeremy Peña added a two-run shot to back up another solid start from Jake Odorizzi and help Houston top Seattle.

Ryne Stanek got the last out of the seventh after Odorizzi (2-2) left the game. Odorizzi allowed four hits in 6 2/3 scoreless innings for his second straight win after dropping his first two decisions this season. Héctor Neris and Rafael Montero pitched a scoreless inning each to complete the shutout.

The victory snapped a two-game skid for the Astros and moved manager Dusty Baker within one win of becoming the 12th manager in MLB history to reach 2,000.

Houston's Jose Altuve went 0 for 3 with a walk in his return after sitting out since April 19 with a strained hamstring.

Marco Gonzales (1-3) took the loss for the Mariners. J.P. Crawford had a single in the fifth to extend his hitting streak to 11 games, the longest active streak in the majors.

### White Sox 3, Angels 0

Im Chicago, Dylan Cease struck out 11 to match a career best and gave up just one hit in seven sparkling innings, propelling Chicago past Los Angeles.

Three-time AL MVP Mike Trout struck out in all four at-bats, three against Cease. The Angels star fanned against Liam Hendriks — who earned his fifth save — to end the game.

Angels two-way star Shohei Ohtani didn't start, a day after making an early exit because of groin tightness. The reigning AL MVP grounded out as a pinch-hitter in the eighth.

Cease (3-1) threw 64 of 93 pitches for strikes and walked none. Taylor Ward got the only hit against him, a leadoff double in the fourth. Cease's previous 11-strikeout performance came on Aug. 29, 2021, against the Chicago Cubs.

Angels starter Patrick Sandoval (1-1) took the loss.

### Braves 5, Mets 2

In New York, Austin Riley homered, Max Fried won his third straight outing and Atlanta cooled New York in the first of 19 meetings between the NL East rivals this season.

Travis d'Arnaud had three hits and three RBIs against his former team. Fried (3-2) settled in after a rocky start, outpitching Chris Bassitt (3-2) as the defending World Series champions took the opener of a four-game series with only their second comeback win of the year.

Kenley Jansen got three outs to remain perfect in seven save chances with his new team.

Mark Canha hit his first home run for the division-leading Mets (16-8), who played without manager Buck Showalter. He was suspended for one game about 20 minutes before the first pitch after Major League Baseball determined New York reliever Yoan López intentionally threw at Philadelphia slugger Kyle Schwarber the previous night.

López, optioned to Triple-A Syracuse following Sunday's victory, received a three-game ban that starts whenever he returns to the active big league roster — unless he appeals.

### Cardinals 1, Royals 0

In St. Louis, Paul Goldschmidt hit an early home run and Steven Matz and the St. Louis bullpen made it stand up, leading the Cardinals over Kansas City.

Goldschmidt, who got his first day off of the season Sunday, connected with one out in the first inning against Zack Greinke (0-2).

The Royals lost their fourth in a row overall, and have dropped 21 of their last 28 to St. Louis dating to Aug. 7, 2017. This game was a make-up from a rainout on April 13 — the I-70 interleague series continues Tuesday and Wednesday in Kansas City.

Matz (3-1) scattered four hits, including a pair of doubles, in six innings. He walked none, hit a batter and struck out four. St. Louis relievers Kodi Whitley, Nick Wittgren and Giovanny Gallegos were equally sharp, each pitching an inning in the combined five-hitter. Gallegos gave up a two-out single in the ninth but picked up his fifth save in six chances.

### Marlins 5, Diamondbacks 4

In Miami, Zac Gallen outpitched Pablo López as Arizona built a lead and held on to beat Miami.

David Peralta homered, singled twice and drove in three runs, and Daulton Varsho hit two doubles for the Diamondbacks, who have won five of seven. Arizona's Jordan Luplow had two hits and two RBIs.

In a matchup of starters who entered with ERAs under one, Gallen (1-0) threw 6 1/3 innings of two-run ball. He allowed five hits, struck out six and hit two batters. Ian Kennedy pitched around a single and walk in the ninth for his second save.

López's string of 18 2/3 scoreless innings ended in the first on Peralta's two-run homer. Varsho hit a leadoff double before Peralta sent López's first pitch over the wall in right. The Diamondbacks chased López (3-1) after two-out RBI singles by Luplow and Peralta in the fifth that made it 4-0.

### Rays 6, Athletics 1

In Oakland, Calif., Yandy Díaz led off the game with a home run to back right-hander Drew Rassmussen's second straight winning start, and Tampa Bay used a balanced offense to beat Oakland.

Wander Franco returned to the lineup and hit a pair of run-scoring singles after a precautionary day off Sunday. Franco and Randy Arozarena hit consecutive RBI singles in the third against Daulton Jefferies (1-4), and Mike Zunino's base hit the next inning brought in another Rays run.

Manuel Margot added an RBI double in the fifth among his three hits as the Rays tagged Jefferies for career highs of 11 hits and six runs. Rasmussen (2-1) allowed one run and one hit, struck out three and walked one in five solid innings.

The A's lost their season-high fourth straight after a weekend sweep by Cleveland at home, and have lost seven of nine after winning eight of 12.

# Mets manager Showalter suspended 1 game for reliever's pitch

**NEW YORK** (AP)—±Mets manager Buck Showalter was suspended for Monday's series opener against the Atlanta Braves after Major League Baseball determined New York reliever Yoan López intentionally threw at Philadelphia slugger Kyle Schwarber the previous night.

López, optioned to Triple-A Syracuse following Sunday night's victory, received a three-game ban that starts whenever he returns to the active big league roster. If he appeals, the penalty would be delayed until the process is completed.

Michael Hill, baseball's Senior Vice President for On-Field Operations, announced the discipline about 20 minutes before the first pitch of New York's 5-2 loss to World Series champion Atlanta at Citi Field — the initial meeting this season between the NL East rivals.

"We were surprised, I can tell you that," Mets bench coach Glenn Sherlock said. "It was close to game time, but like I said, that's baseball and that's really not our decision. Just have to deal with it."

Sherlock filled in for Showalter, with help from pitching coach Jeremy Hefner and hitting coach Eric Chávez.

"We talk a lot throughout the game," Sherlock said. "The coaches, we're all kind of collaborating out there."

In his first season with the team, Showalter had guided the Mets to a 16-7 record — best in the National League — heading into Monday night. He also missed a game last month for a medical procedure.

Showalter was suspended for one game and fined. López also was fined an undisclosed amount by the commissioner's office "for intentionally throwing pitches" at Schwarber in the ninth inning of New York's 10-6 win Sunday night.

Mets star Francisco Lindor had been hit in the thigh by a 93 mph pitch from Phillies reliever Cristopher Sánchez in the eighth. The next inning, an inside pitch from López to Schwarber prompted umpires to warn both teams.

Schwarber eventually grounded out. López then plunked Alec Bohm with a 1-2 changeup, but was not ejected.

López also wound up at the center of a dustup during his Mets debut last week in St. Louis when he threw high and tight to Cardinals star Nolan Arenado after New York infielder J.D. Davis was drilled by a pitch in the ankle.

The benches and bullpens cleared for a rough skirmish on the field, but López was merely fined that time "for contributing to the incitement of the incident." Arenado was handed a two-game suspension and fined, and Cardinals pitcher Génesis Cabrera was given a one-game suspension and fined for their actions in the scuffle.

Mets batters have been hit by pitches a major league-leading 21 times this season (including one Monday night), drawing the ire of Showalter and several players.

# TakeCare ends Kanoa's streak

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TakeCare's Lindsay Davis, right, and Shirley's Alexa Vergara go for the ball during an earlier game in the Tinekcha-Awaal Division in the Dove Women's League Spring 2022 at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville. TakeCare and Kanoa recorded similar close wins in last Wednesday's pair of matches.

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TakeCare handed Kanoa Football Club its first loss of the season after pulling off a 2-1 victory in their Tinekcha-Awaal game in the Dove Women's League Spring 2022 last Wednesday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Bernadette Horey and Josephine Cardelle scored the two goals for TakeCare, which now narrows its gap with Kanoa in the team standing after improving to a 4-1-1 win-draw-loss record. Kanoa has a 5-0-1 slate, ending its winning streak after only Kaithlyn Chavez hit the board for the team.

In the other match in the division, Shirley's FC also escaped with a 2-1 win over Southern United FC. Shirley's got an own goal and one from Alexa Vergara to beat Southern United, which drew its lone goal from Rizza Relucio. Shirley's notched victory No. 2 out of six games, while Southern United has yet to enter the win column this season.

Shirley's and Southern United cross paths anew tonight in the curtain-raiser at 6:15, while TakeCare will try to make it two in a row against Kanoa when they collide at 7:45pm.

### FLORES-PEE-LUWAL
### Shirley's 7, Southern United 1

In last Sunday's second game in the Flores-Pee' Luwal Division, Shirley's romped past Southern United to grab the top spot in the team standings in Group A.

Melody Johnson, Mikayla Lopez, and Jhaza Mirano had two goals apiece for Shirley's, which now has a 3-0-2 mark to lead Southern (2-1-2), Paire-1 (1-3-1), and MP United (1-2-2). Jeraldine Castillo added one for Shirley's, while Southern United's only goal came from Reanna Ramrui.

In the other match in Group A, Paire-1 and MPU played to a draw. Savannah Grant scored for Paire-1, while Moriah Sablan had the same output for MPU.

### Matansa 5, TanHoldings 2

In Group B, Matansa (3-2-0) kept the top spot after downing TanHolding (2-1-2)

Barbara Peteru recorded two goals for Matansa, while Tawny Barcinas, Jenna Mauliola, and Chrishia Leon Guerrero chipped in one apiece. Neriah Lumbad knocked in the two goals for TanHoldings.

### Kanoa 1, Paire-2 0

Kanoa matched TanHoldings' record after slipping past Paire in the other Group B tiff.

Hannah Santos made the lone goal for Kanoa.

Meanwhile, in the Simiya-Faayul Division, Matansa won over MPU-2, 1-0; TanHoldings edged Kanoa, 1-0; and Shirley's and Paire engaged in a draw, 1-1.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

**EAMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 17 | 6 | .739 | _ |
| Toronto | 15 | 9 | .625 | 2½ |
| Tampa Bay | 13 | 10 | .565 | 4 |
| Boston | 9 | 14 | .391 | 8 |
| Baltimore | 8 | 15 | .348 | 9 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minnesota | 14 | 9 | .609 | _ |
| Cleveland | 10 | 12 | .455 | 3½ |
| Chicago | 9 | 13 | .409 | 4½ |
| Detroit | 7 | 14 | .333 | 6 |
| Kansas City | 7 | 14 | .333 | 6 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 15 | 9 | .625 | _ |
| Houston | 12 | 11 | .522 | 2½ |
| Seattle | 12 | 11 | .522 | 2½ |
| Oakland | 10 | 13 | .435 | 4½ |
| Texas | 8 | 14 | .364 | 6 |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 16 | 8 | .667 | _ |
| Miami | 12 | 10 | .545 | 3 |
| Philadelphia | 11 | 12 | .478 | 4½ |
| Atlanta | 11 | 13 | .458 | 5 |
| Washington | 8 | 16 | .333 | 8 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Milwaukee | 15 | 8 | .652 | _ |
| St. Louis | 13 | 9 | .591 | 1½ |
| Chicago | 9 | 13 | .409 | 5½ |
| Pittsburgh | 9 | 13 | .409 | 5½ |
| Cincinnati | 3 | 19 | .136 | 11½ |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 14 | 7 | .667 | _ |
| San Diego | 15 | 8 | .652 | _ |
| San Francisco | 14 | 8 | .636 | ½ |
| Colorado | 13 | 9 | .591 | 1½ |
| Arizona | 11 | 13 | .458 | 4½ |

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## ROTA

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Mini Games.

"I thought the test event was a success! We only had six athletes—three men, and three women from the CNMI National Triathlon Team competing. In spite of the small number, it was enough for myself and the CNMI officials to test the course," said Damien.

The technical delegate for triathlon in the 2022 Mini Games said it's a very significant undertaking by the Mini Games organizing committee to host three events over two days of racing.

"Traditionally, the Pacific Games only hosts one triathlon event. The CNMI will for the first time set the precedent for hosting more than one triathlon event in a Pacific Games meet. I may be wrong, but as far back as 2009 when I've been officiating in the Pacific Games, this is the first. I'm excited to be working with the CNMI triathlon federation in making this milestone," said Damien.

As far as the facilities and the courses for the triathlon events are concerned, he said there are minimal fixes that need to be done in the next few weeks.

"We just now have to tweak a few cosmetic changes to the start/finish areas and the swim start/finish. Additionally, there have to be some road improvements on the cycle and run courses which the Rota Mayor's Office has assured will be done before June. The Round House will be the major facility triathlon will be utilizing. It's being upgraded hopefully in time for use in June."

Sitchon, for his part, seconded Damien's assessment that the test run was a success. He also agreed with the technical delegate that there needs to be some minor adjustments on the layout location of the course.

"Adjustments according to international games standard. They're quite strict with that to avoid com-

## PAIRE

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Southern United, Paire, Kanoa-1, and TanHoldings-1 fought for the two finals berths in the division after placing in the Top 4 in the single-round robin regular season. Southern finished on top with a 6-0-1 win-draw-loss record and was followed by Paire (5-0-2), Kanoa-1 (5-0-2), and TanHoldings-1 (4-1-2).

Paire and TanHoldings will meet this Saturday at 2:45pm for the division championship.

Matansa (4-0-3), MP United (1-1-5), Kanoa-2 (1-0-6), and TanHoldings-2 (0-2-5) played in other playoff matches last Saturday and will return to the pitch this weekend for the consolation games. Matansa, after downing TanHoldings-2, will square off with Kanoa-2 for the fifth place honors. Kanoa-2 won over MP United, 7-0, to advance to the battle for fifth place game, while the latter will take on TanHoldings-2 for the No. 7 spot in the rankings. Kanoa-1 and TanHoldings-1 will slug it out for the third place honors.

Meanwhile, it will be Paire and MP United Pink for the boys U13 title.

Paire edged MPU Blue, 2-1, to foil an all-MPU championship showdown. MPU Blue marched into the finals following a 3-0 triumph over Matansa.

Jayten Lee Villagomez lifted Paire to the semis win after scoring two goals. Landon Jordan made the lone goal for MPU Blue.

Taiga Wilson Namai-Scoggins also nailed a pair of goals for MP United Pink, while Finn Altizer added one in their shutout win over Matansa. MPU Pink and Paire will collide in the championship game this Saturday.

Paire was seeded fourth in the playoffs with its 3-0-3 record and stunned regular season top finisher MPU Blue, which had a 5-0-1 mark. MPU Pink was seeded second, nosing out Matansa in goals scored, 19-15, as the two teams posted similar 4-1-1 records. Kanoa (1-2-3), TanHoldings (0-2-4), and Shirley's (0-2-4) were the other teams entered in the boys U13 division.

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victory over Scarlett Burrell.

In the boys 12, Ian Chae will play in the finals after the No. 1 seed survived a 6-2, 7-6 (5) challenge from Matthew Hwang. He awaits the winner of the Jihun Park-Ryan Choi match this Saturday. Park advanced to the semis following a 6-1, 6-1 triumph over Quido Jambor, while No. 2 Choi was a 6-2, 6-1 victor over Eamon Tang.

June Yu joined three others in the semis after the Boys 14 top seed breezed past Stephen Yeom, 6-2, 6-0. His next opponent will be Si Woo Lee after the No. 3 seed took down Yutaka Kadokura, 6-2, 6-1. No. 2 seed Henry Choi is already in the finals after he beat fourth seed Nason Wessel in their marathon semis match last weekend, 6-1, 3-6, 10-6.

In the girls 14, Irin Chung justified her top seeding after vanquishing Anna Kwon, 6-0, 6-1. Chung will take on Lina Tsukagoshi in the semis after the latter surprised third seed Hannah Chae, 7-5, 6-2. Savita Sikkel and No. 2 Hoo Wang will duel in the other semis match after Sikkel upset No. 4 Anne Lee, 6-1, 7-5, and Wang blanked Sarah Lim, 6-0, 6-0.

Cody Shimizu won his quarterfinals match in the Boys 16 after the No. 1 seed made quick work of Jack Linden, 6-0, 6-2. His next match will be against No. 3 seed David Kwon, who was a 6-0, 6-0 winner over Jesse Sablan. In the other semis pairing, fourth seed Simon Tang will play Wataru Kadokura after the former defeated Minsoon Kim, 6-1, 6-1. No. 4 Kadokura, meanwhile, advanced after a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Min Seo Kim.

In the Boys 18, No. 1 seed Jimin Woo will lock horns with Andy Kim this weekend. Woo got a bye in the first round, while Kim was a 6-1, 6-1 winner over Sam Culp. Already waiting in the finals is Jun Wang after he upset No. 2 seed Isaac Heo, 6-0, 6-3, in the semis.

The 2022 TSL CNMI Junior Tennis Championships is being sponsored by the Tan Siu Lin Foundation and organized by the Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Associaiton.

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# 'Rota ready to host 3 triathlon races in June'

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No less than the technical delegate for the triathlon event of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 has proclaimed that Rota is ready as ever to host not one but three triathlon races when the quadrennial event rolls around next month.

"Rota Island is indeed ready to host the three triathlon races in June. The support from the [Rota] Mayor's Office, the police, U.S. Coast Guard, medical team, and the community volunteers was very impressive. The Triathlon Association of the CNMI is also very capable of hosting the event," said Mini Games triathlon technical delegate Stephen Damien.

Damien is one of over 20 who flew to the island this past weekend to take part in a test run for the sport for the Mini Games. He was joined by Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee sports director Ramon Tebuteb, TRAC president Manny Sitchon, TRAC secretary general Ricky Castro, national triathlon coach Mick Ferris, national triathlon team manager Jay Diyco, and national triathletes Isaiah Aleksenko, Leo Wania, Kathy Ruszala, Heather Brook, Dylan Mister, and Robyn Spaeth, among others.

While on Rota, the delegation conducted a test run of the three triathlon events that will be held on the island for the

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Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 triathlon technical delegate Stephen Damien, standing left, joins a part of the 20-person delegation that tested the triathlon course for next month's Mini Games on Rota in their sightseeing tour of the Rota Latte Stone Quarry.

# Paire reaches finals of Youth Spring League

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Paire Football Club advanced to the finals of both the girls and boys U13 divisions of the TakeCare NMIFA Youth Spring League 2022 after prevailing in their playoff matches last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

In the girls U13 division, Paire nipped Kanoa-1, 5-4, to move into the championship game against Southern United FC, which eased past TanHoldings FC-1 in another semis match, 7-2.

Alana Hayes delivered a hat-trick in Paire's close win, but it was Phoenix's Gross goal in the 25th minute that brought the team to the finale. Hayes made her three goals in succession, as she scored in the first, eighth, and 10th minute, while Beatrice Gross added one in the 15th before her older sister recorded the go-ahead late in the second half. Lynn Ha Ye had a pair for Kanoa-1, while Aubrey White and Eliskristiana Iglecias contributed one apiece.

In the other semis game, Southern United banked on Rosie Saralu's four goals to top TanHoldings-1. Saralu scored the four goals in the streak in the second half, while Selena Atalig, Briannie Echalico, and Kalia Mendiola chipped in one each. TanHoldings-1's twin goals were courtesy of Xyriel Pascual.

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MICHAELA PANGANIBAN

Paire Football Club's Alana Hayes, left, dribbles in front of a Kanoa Football Club defender during their girls U13 playoff game in the TakeCare NMIFA Youth Spring League 2022 last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

# Top seeds advance in Jr. tennis champs

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The first week of the 2022 TSL CNMI Junior Tennis Championships unfurled last weekend with top seeds winning their first round matches at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

In the boys 10, No. 1 seed Minjoon Michael Jeon took out Cooper Fong Koning, 6-1. His next opponent will be third seed Seungwoo Lee, who also advanced with a 6-3 win over Antonio Heras.

In the bottom half of the bracket, No. 2 seed Jinho Cody Park is safely in the quarterfinals after beating Jackson Fong Koning, 6-0. He will play Yoosong Choi next after Choi upset fourth seed Daniel Kang, 6-2.

Girls 10 top seed Emma Kang will take on Jenna Pascual this weekend after she got a bye in the opening round. Pascual arranged the quarterfinal date with Kang after a 6-0 win over Yoo Jung Choi. Awaiting the winner of the Kang-Pascual matchup will be Vivien Chung after the third seed advanced to the finals following a 6-1

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Antonio Heras in action against Cooper Fong Koning in the Boys 10 division of the 2022 TSL CNMI Junior Tennis Championships last Sunday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.